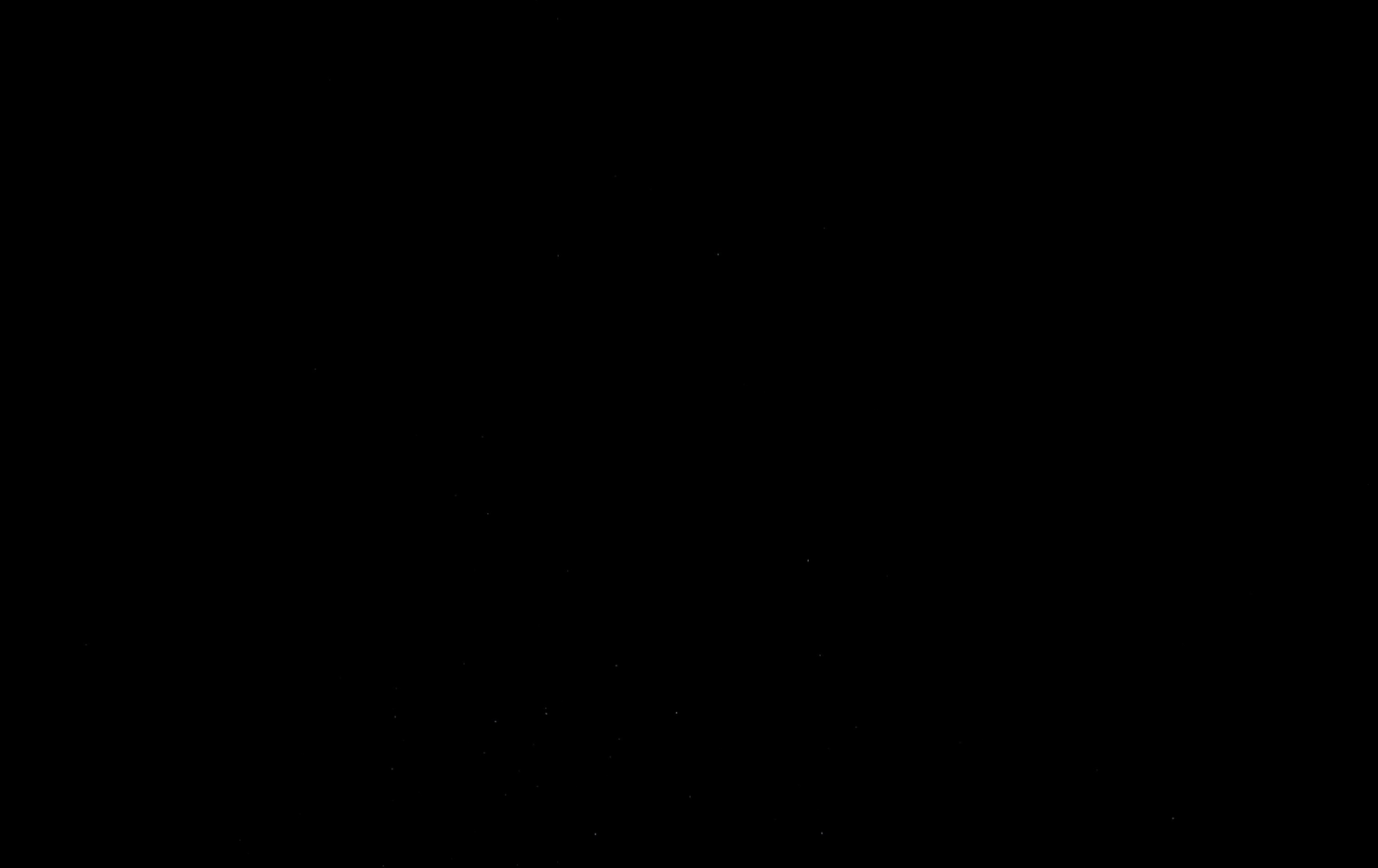


Constancy and Constraint

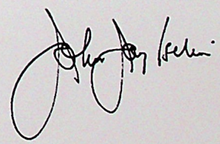
During your College years, constrained circumstances have profoundly tested our purpose. Ultimately at stake was our unvarnished idea of meritorious learning of the highest order. Your notable commitment framed our reaffirmation of the guiding principles that help set Cooper Union apart.

As you reflect on your engaged undergraduate experience, you may marvel at your College's steadiness under pressure. The financial threat was external: an ominous drop in real estate revenues. The institutional response was considered and positive. A plan to redress an acute budgetary gap is now well-launched.

Throughout a prolonged crisis, the Class of 1996 has exemplified and fortified Cooper Union's constancy. Your memorable spirit within the College and notable achievement in the classroom have re-validated our distinctive institution. Your creative participation has fueled our pro-active attitude toward adversity.

A note of sobriety necessarily tinges our hour of celebration. Still, your myriad achievements merit special salutation. You have reminded us that faltering is not part of your Alma Mater's future. Days ahead will surely be difficult. Financial circumstances will continue to be precarious. But Cooper's integrity continues intact; its purpose is reinforced.

Your enriching undergraduate years have forecast your rewarding contributions to come. We look to your graduate leadership to guide your meritorious citadel of superb learning in the next century. With your demonstrated commitment, inevitable constraints shall not impair Cooper Union's remarkable constancy.



The Cooper Union for The Advancement of Science and Art
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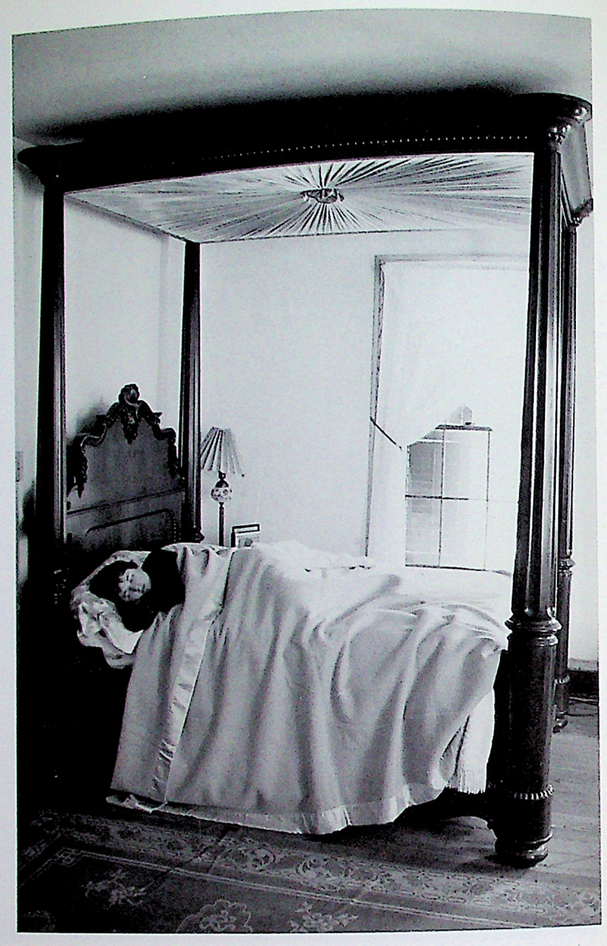
All Things Are Lawful For Me... But Not All Things Are Advantageous... 1 Cor 6:12

Thanks to all my friends from the hall for all the loving support. For always reminding me of who I was... Nickol, Steph, it's been REAL! Da Bomb!! Sheri and Andrea, thanks for the "Chenglish" lessons! The rest of the ChE crew – all the very best. Thanks especially to my family – Dad, Mom, Nnenna, Uche and Chima – I wouldn't have done it without you. Thanks to the profs who put up with me! Pamela, Mike, Maren and Barbara, thanks. NSBE, SWE, TRSA and The Pioneer, stay real.



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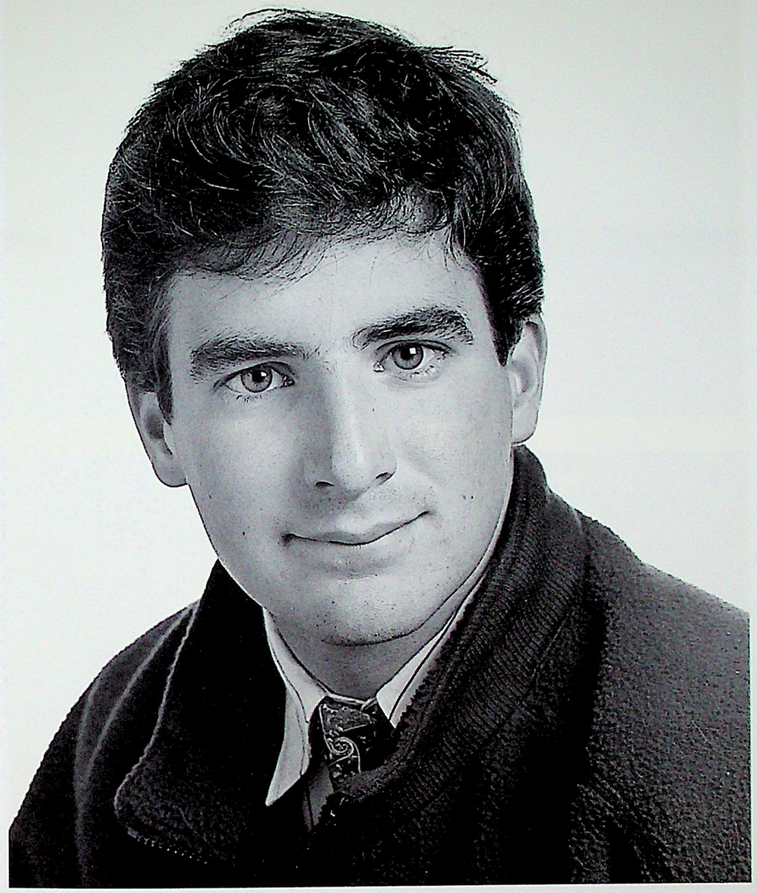

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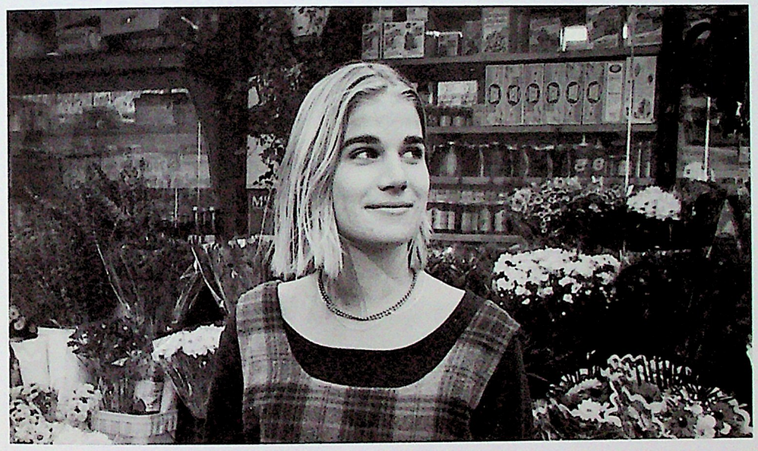

Jane Atkinson

Thanks to my family for putting up with me. I love you all . . .

To my friends – you're the only reasons I don't regret coming to Cooper.

I wish you all good health, success, and happiness . . .

Skilled and talented, intelligent and personable, specialized and diverse, competitive and cooperative, thinkers and doers, inspired and motivated. These are the graduates of The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art, Class of 1996. I am grateful to The Cooper Union for giving me the opportunity to obtain a quality education that I would not have been able to afford otherwise. I will forever be in debt to The Cooper Union and will never forget the people here, especially my classmates S.M., A.R., A.J., T.H., A.W., and K.G. And thank you Joanne for putting up with and standing by me.

BK math:	12*12 = 96	MS math:	7 = INF
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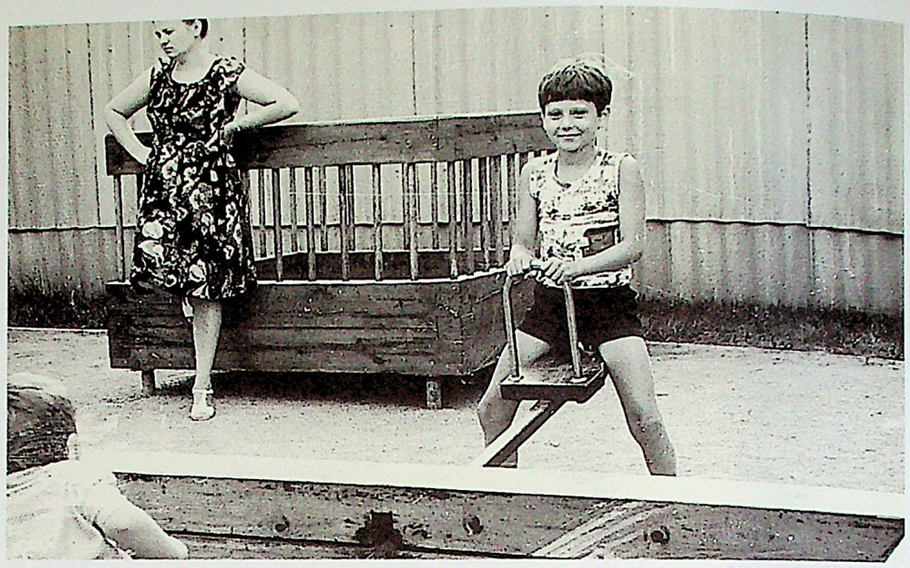
Three words left.



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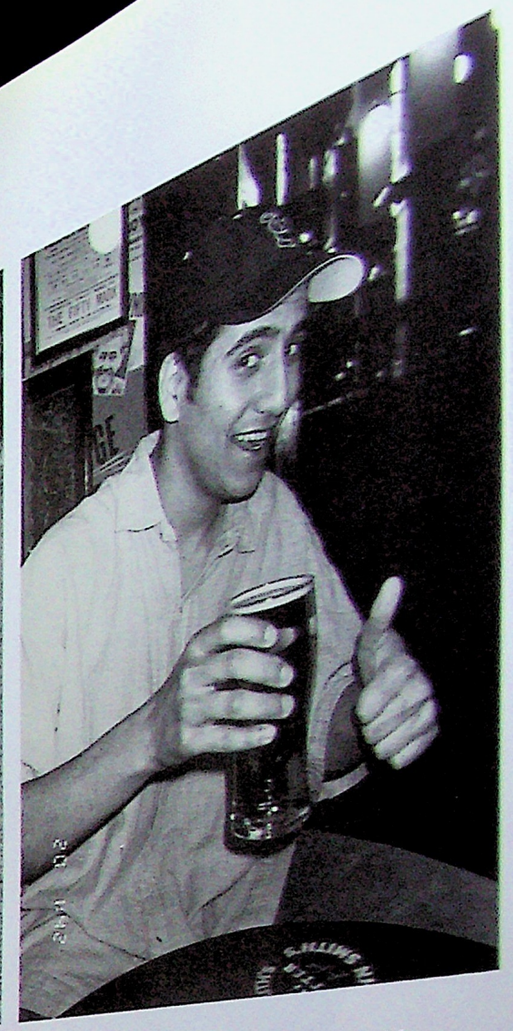

Roni Benjamini

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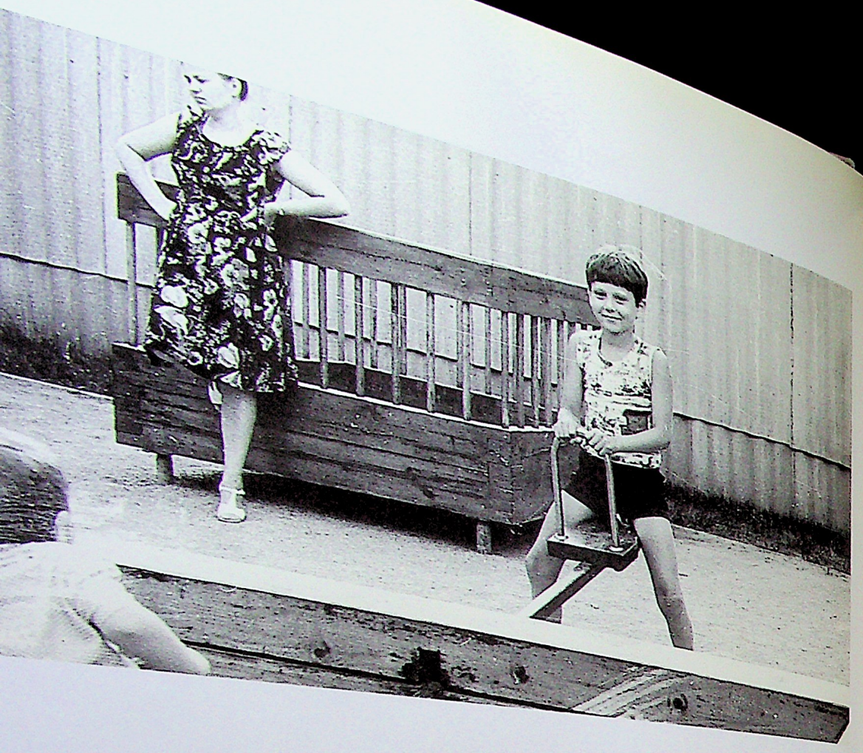

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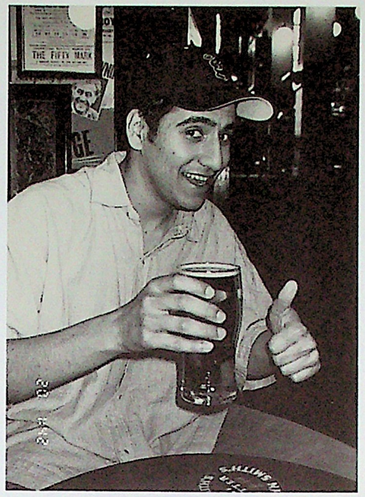

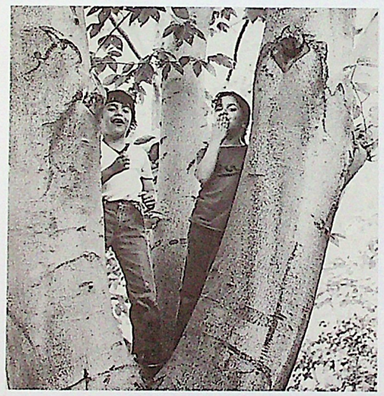

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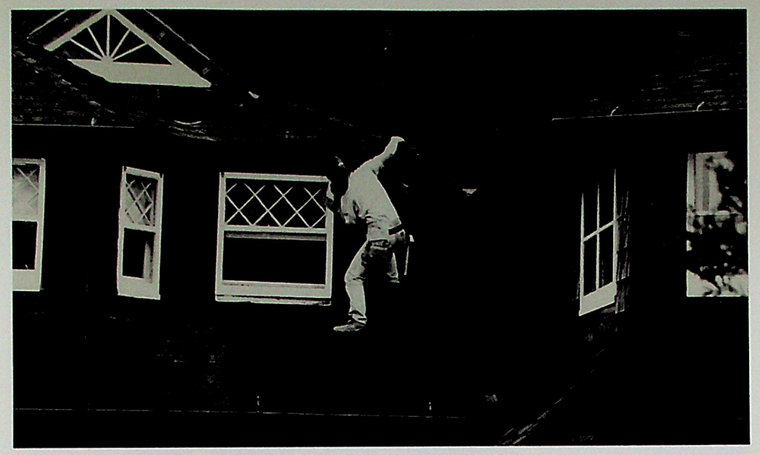

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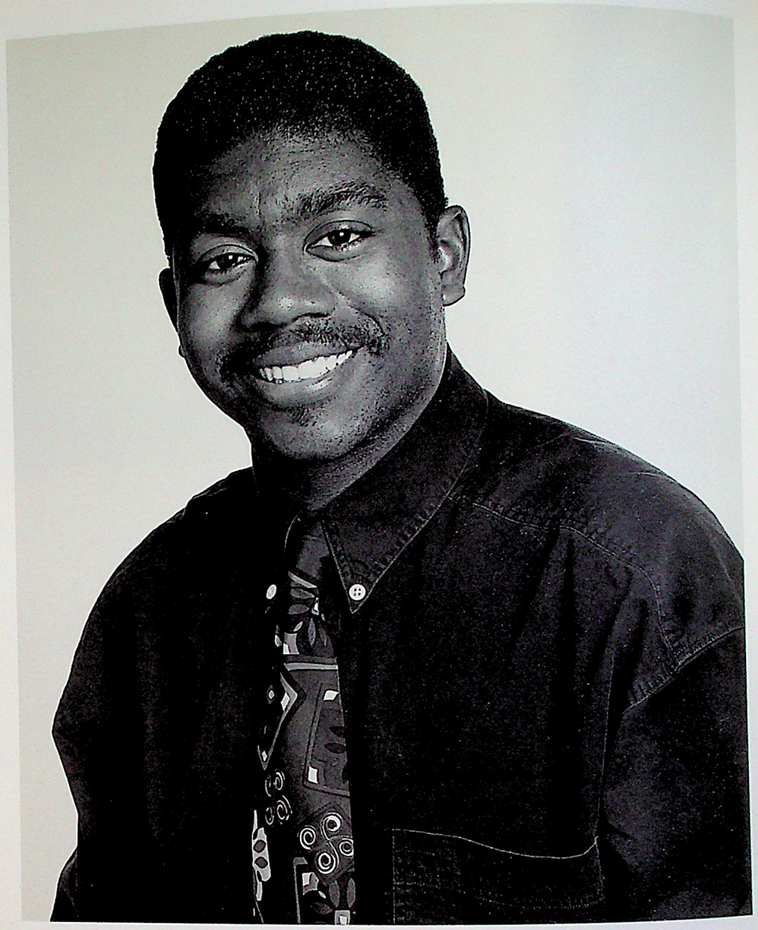

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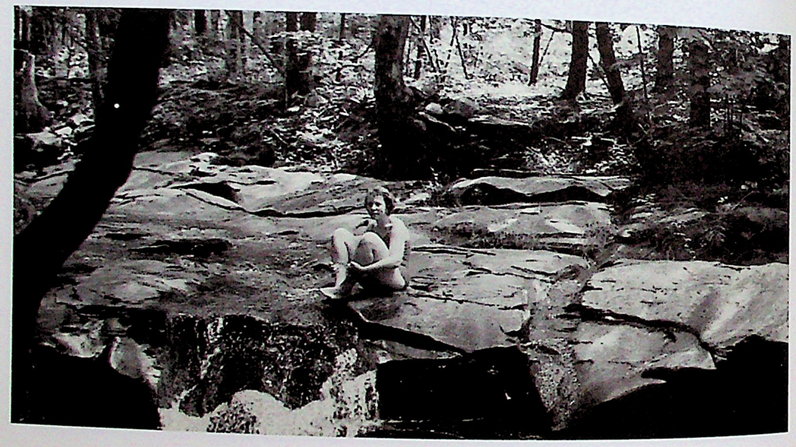

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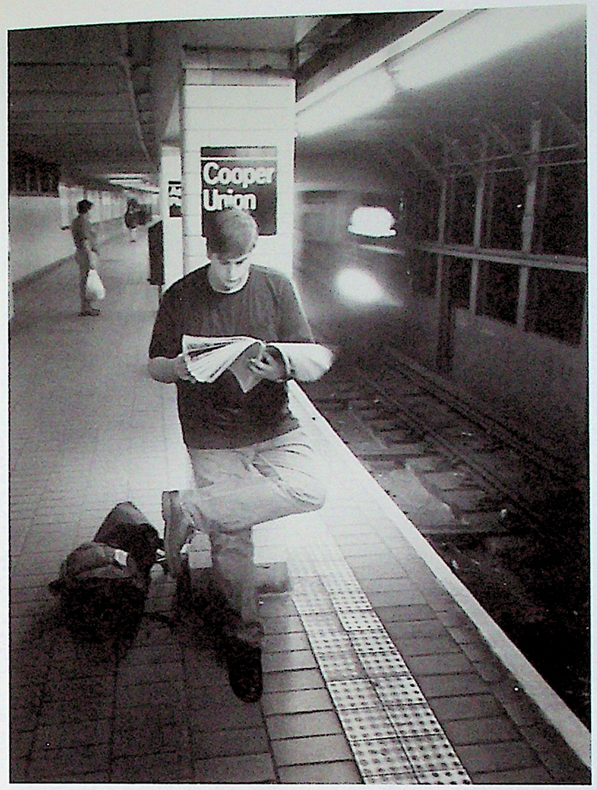

"Nothing in education is so astonishing as the amount of ignorance it accumulates in the form of inert facts."

— Henry Adams

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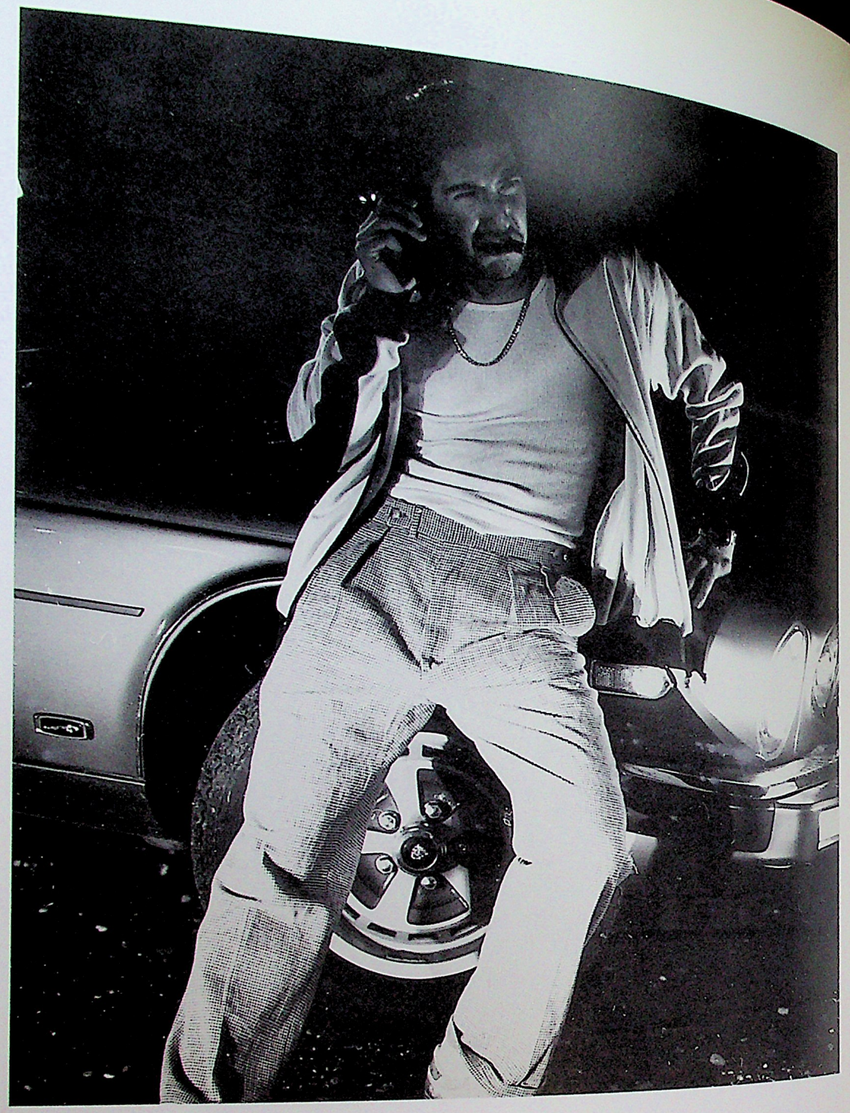

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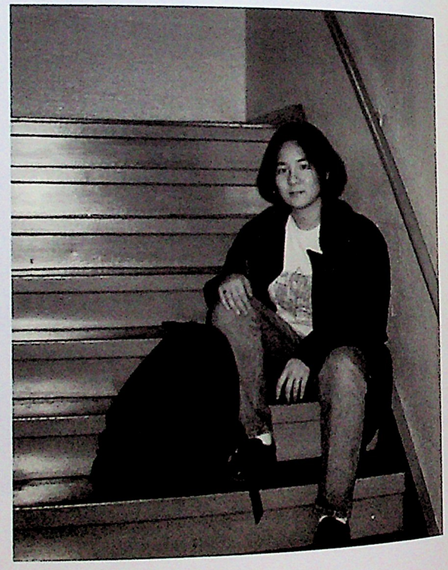

Patricia M. Chael

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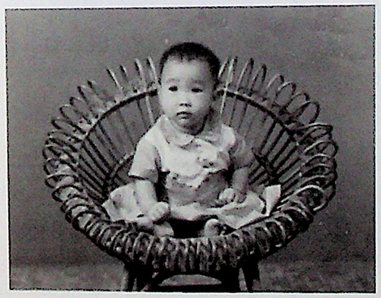
Hiului Chan

I have never imagined that I would learn so much at Cooper. Before coming to Cooper, my life was so simple and plain; everything seemed to be so easy. But now I've realized that this is not the case. Everything that I believed in was unreal and illusory. At Cooper, I've gone through sadness, anguish, pain, frustration, happiness and disillusionment; but I've found my identity and learned about myself and about others too. I have met all kinds of people: cool, uncool, outrageous, crazy, genius, and caring people. I have made many new friends and I've lost some others. I've learned to love them all, myself and life itself as well. I want to thank them for their support through all these years and wish them the best. I'm really glad that I've gone through Cooper; it's an experience that I will never forget.



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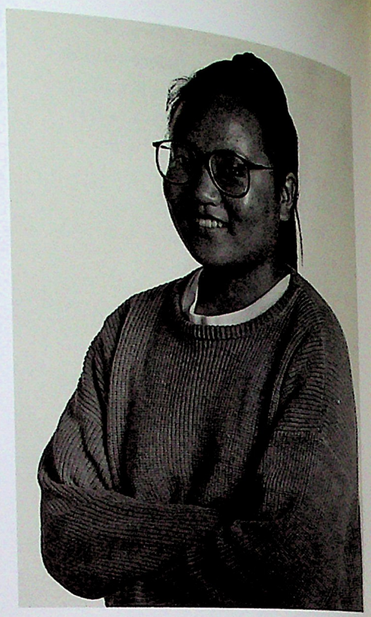

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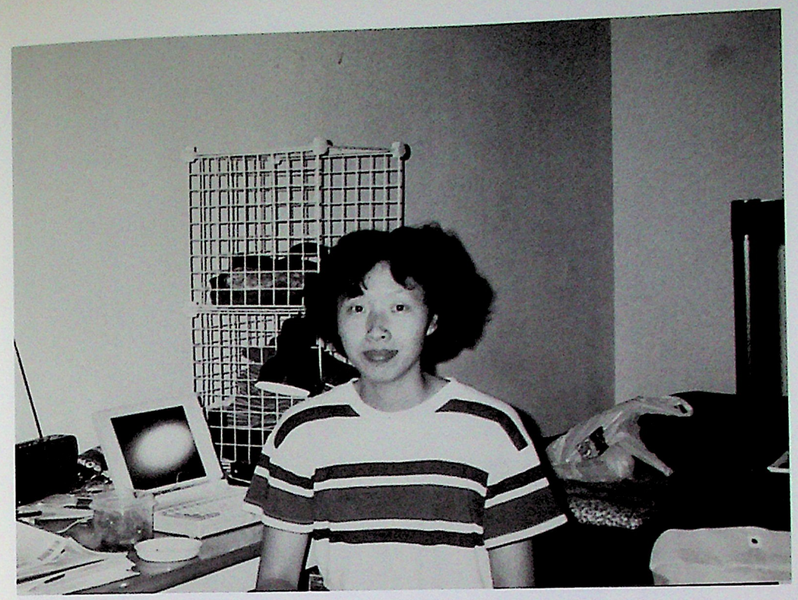

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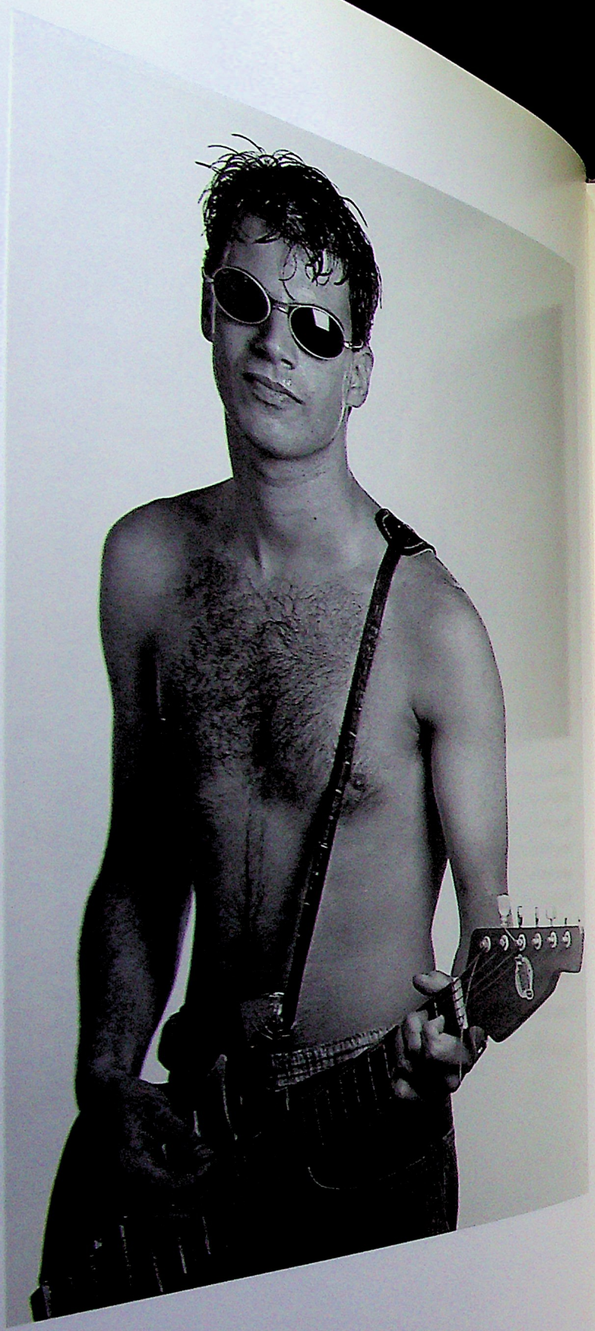

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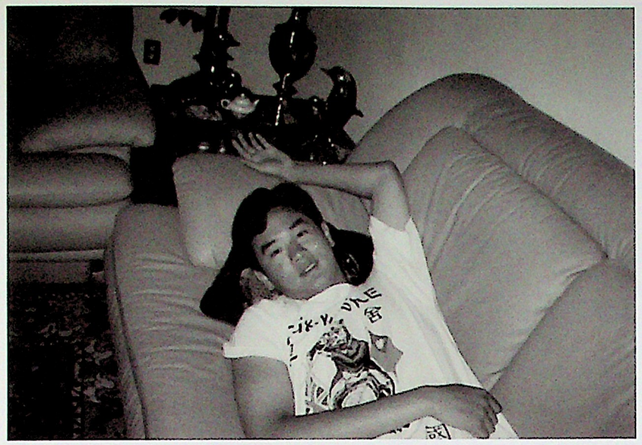

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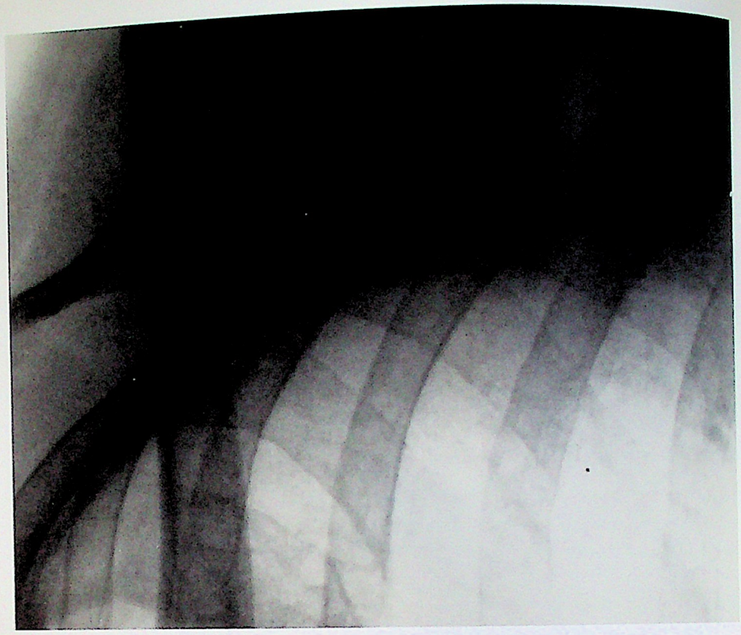

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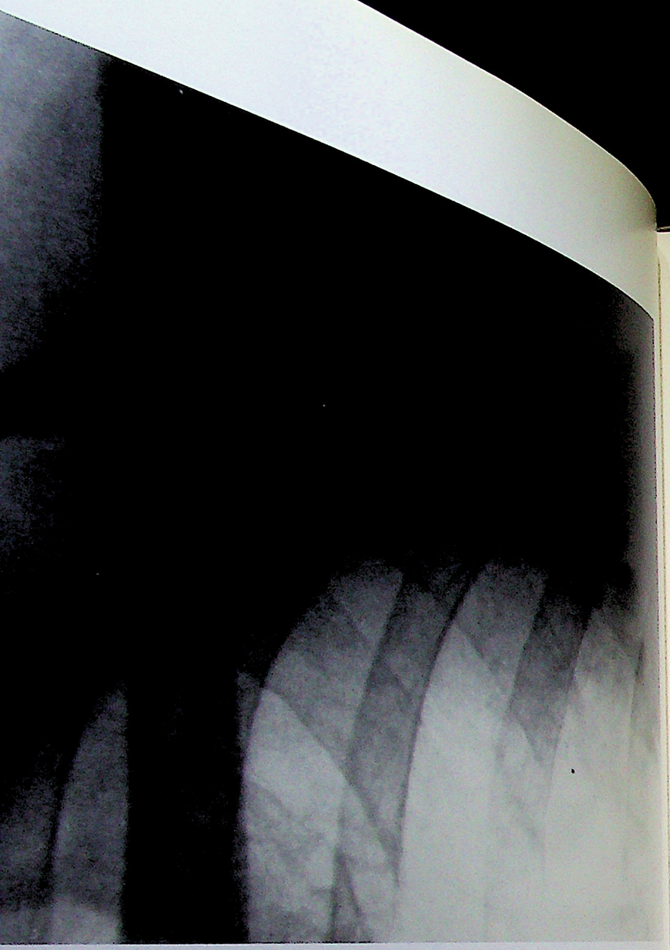

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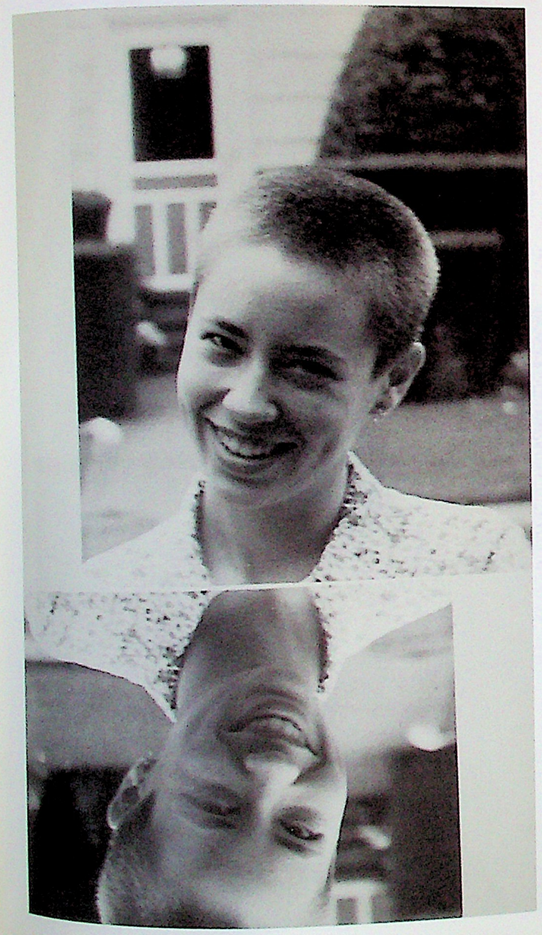

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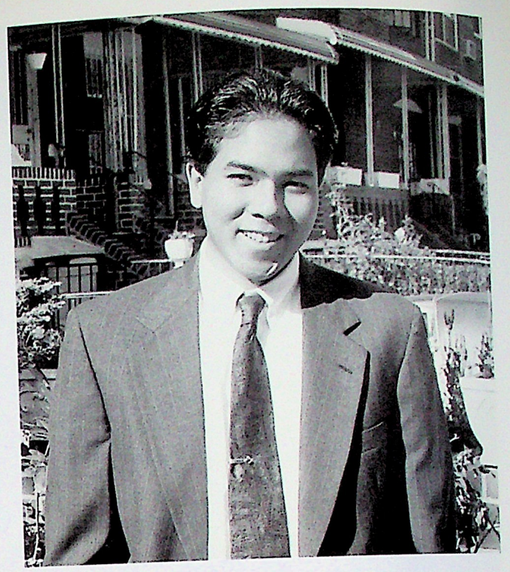

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And that has made all the
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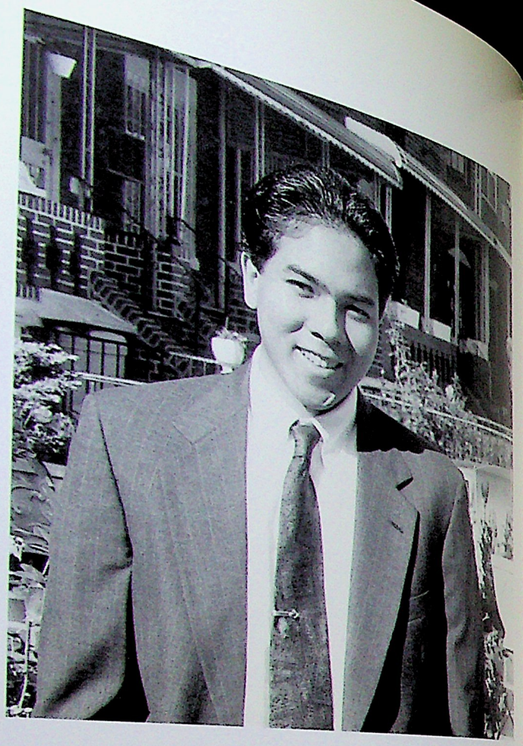

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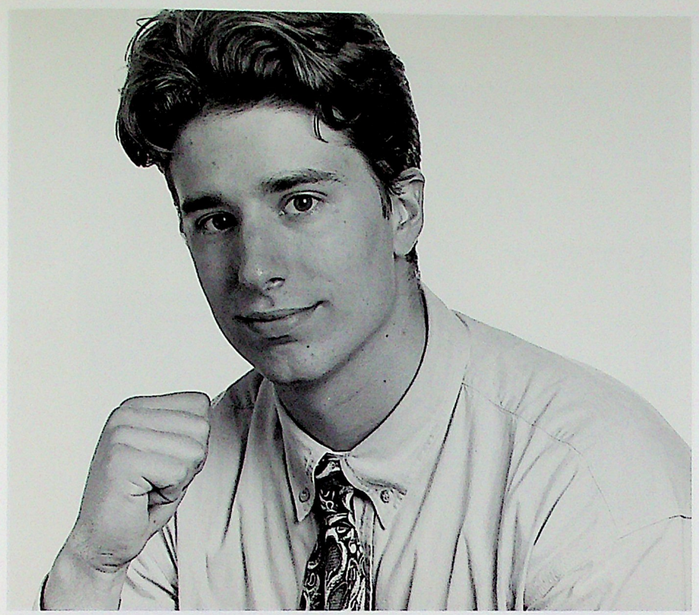

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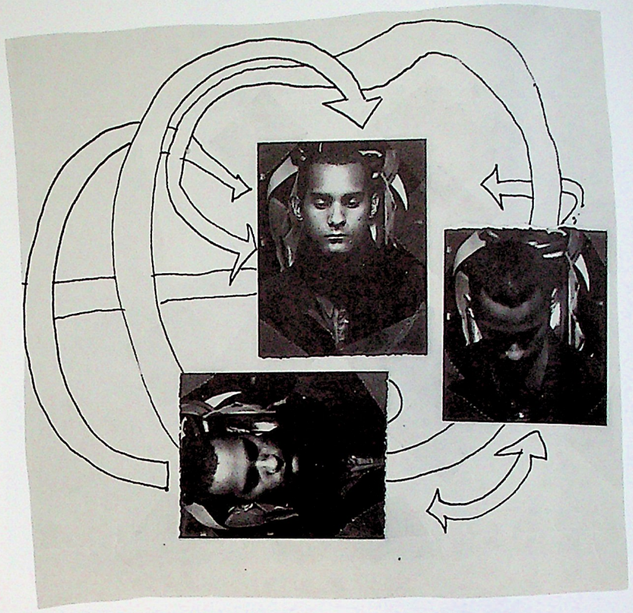

Hansel Evelid Diaz

"With patience,
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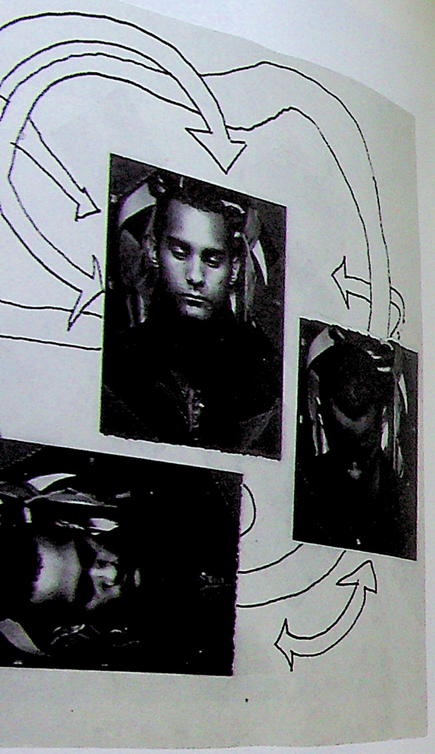

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"What will they think of my hat... in a hundred years?"

— Pablo Neruda

I worked so hard it was like I paid for it.

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Nicky Enright

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Mike Essl

I was brilliant and my twinkly toes
Skipped o'er the mire of mistakes
All whimsy were my physics foes,
My mathematics unafraid...

"Beware the Jabberwock, you fool!
The laws that bite, the flaws that catch!
Beware the Phony Formula. Shun
The dubious Last-Minute Patch!"

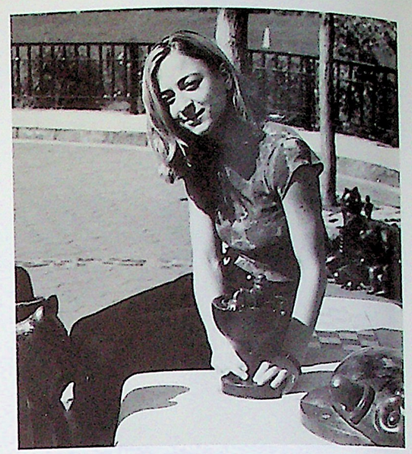
I took my warped sword in hand
And climbed the bad decision tree
With my usual half-baked plan
Hoping the Jabberwock would not see

And, as in foolish thought I climbed,
The Jabberwock bombarded my brain
He threw me unruly variables!
He tied me up in constraints!

One...two...One...two?...
I thought I knew
But the warped blade went rickety-rack
Completely missed the Jabberwock
And then began to crack...

"And hast thou slain the Jabberwock?
Hast thou knocked him dead?"
But I could not hear his call because
Of the ringing in my head.

I was brilliant, but my savage foe
Proved this a distortion
He drove home a thing or two
Of Classical proportions.



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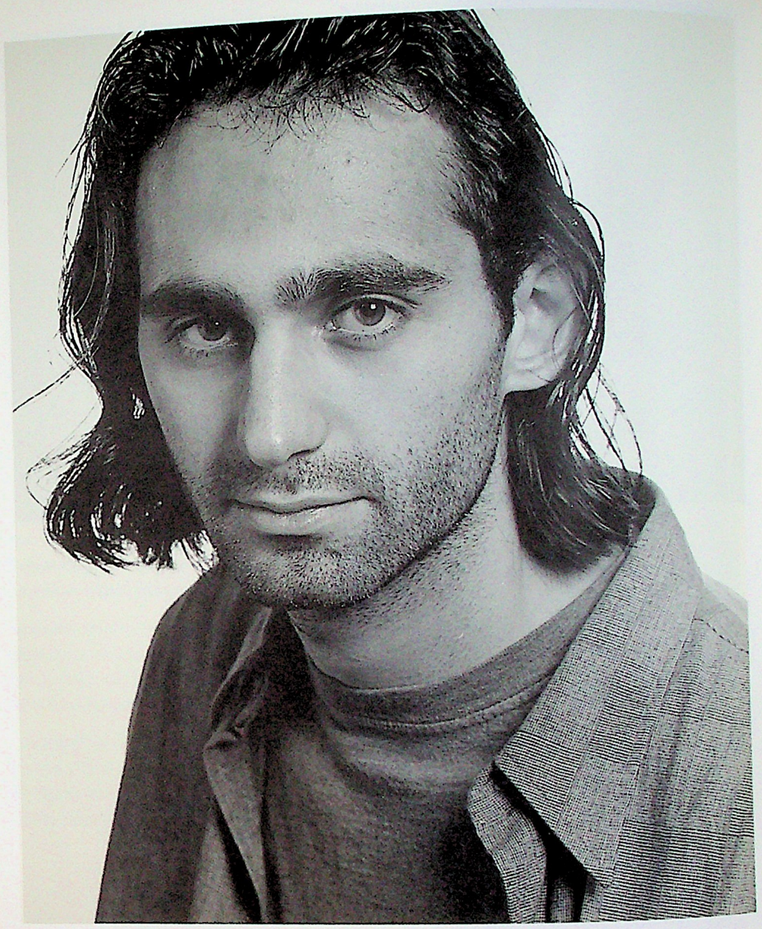

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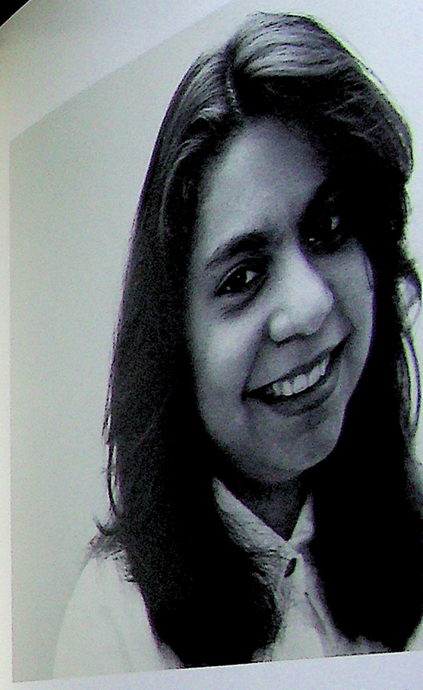

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—Dr. Benjamin E. Mays

Mom, Dad, Melissa, Vanessa, Raquel, Malcolm:
Thanks for all of your support, encouragement, and tolerance thro
It's been an adventure... but, it's finally over!!! I'm looking forwar
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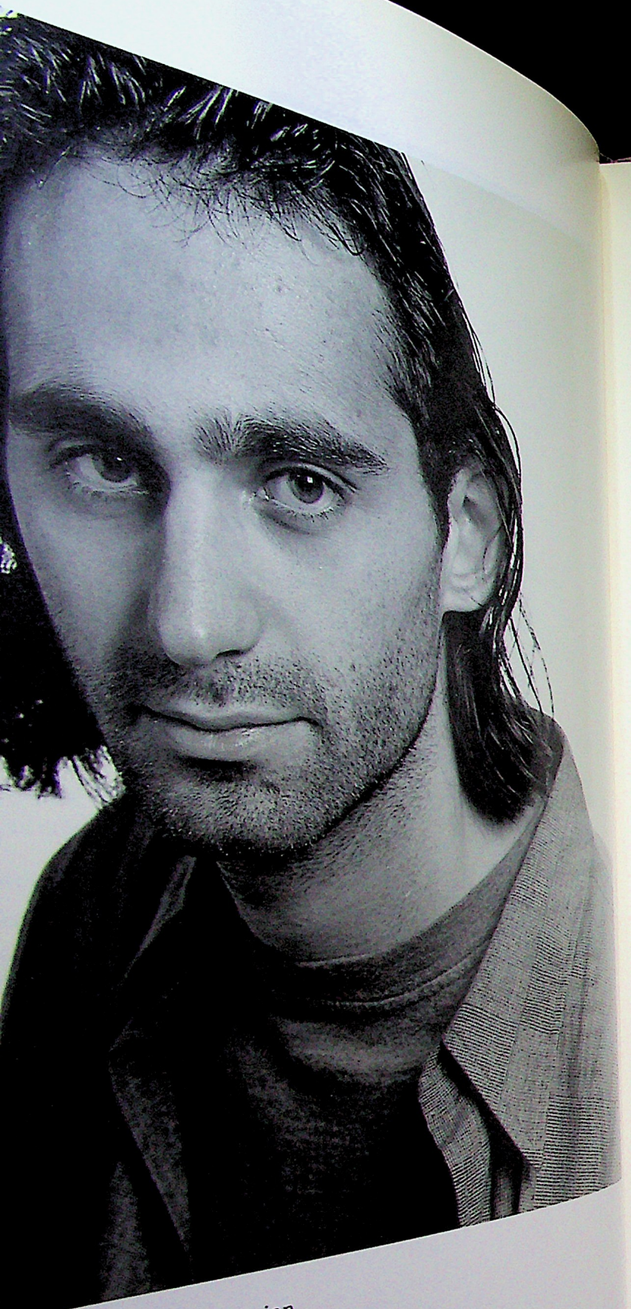
Love, hugs and kisses,
Luz



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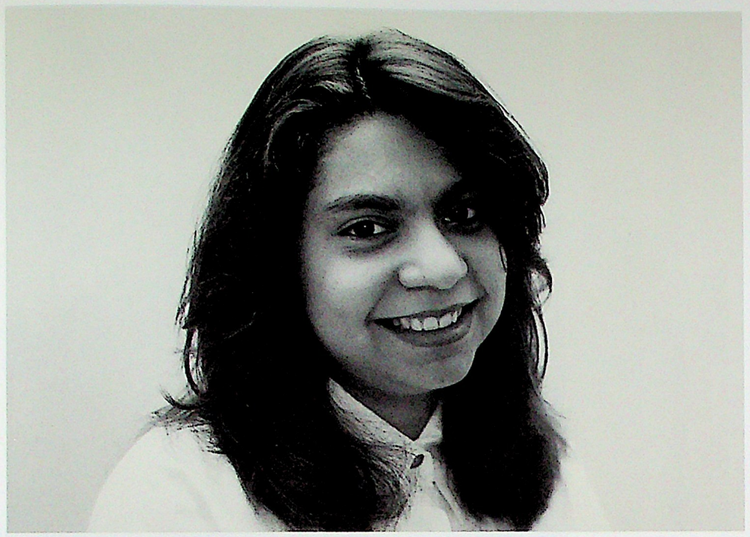

"It must be borne in mind that the tragedy of life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal, the tragedy lies in having no goal to reach... Not failure, but low aim, is a sin."

— Dr. Benjamin E. Mays

Mom, Dad, Melissa, Vanessa, Raquel, Malcolm:
Thanks for all of your support, encouragement, and tolerance through these years. It's been an adventure... but, it's finally over!!! I'm looking forward to the next one, let's hope it's less rocky.

Love, hugs and kisses,
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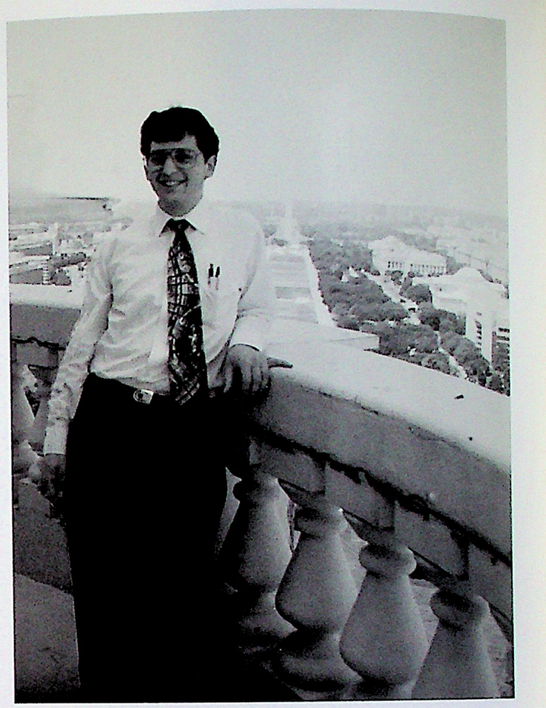

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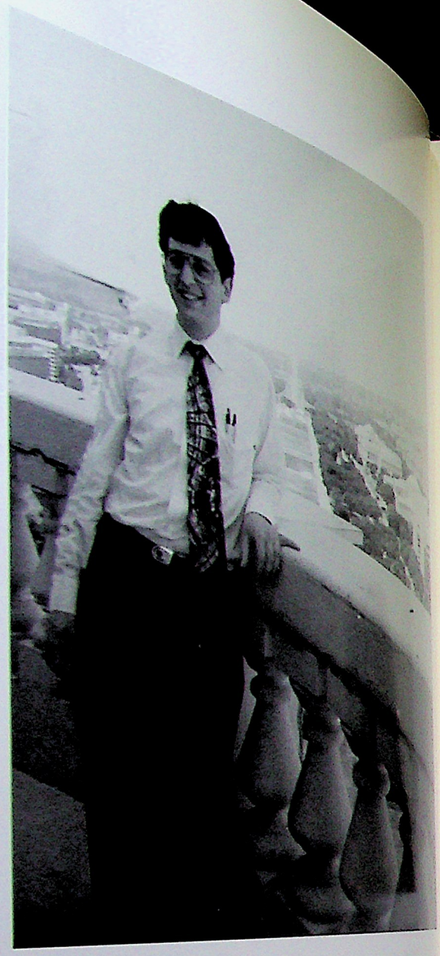

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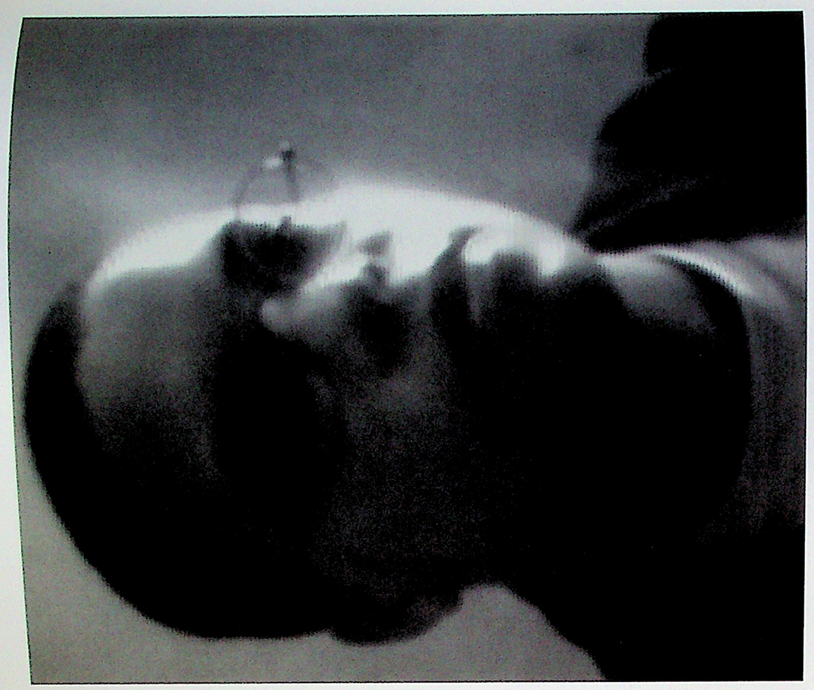

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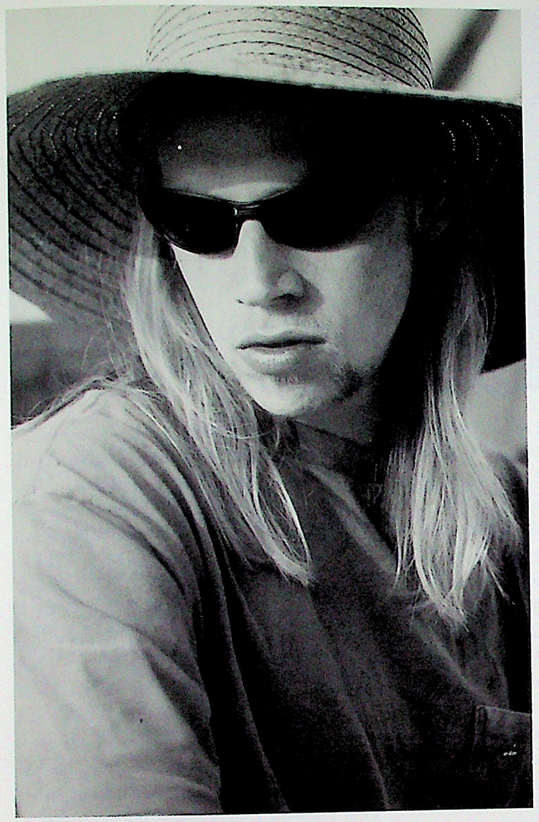

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— William E.B. Dubois

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"I realized this morning that my life — living my life — is so much more important than what someone thinks of me. It's not being selfish; it's just my life. Those concerns are so small compared to the joys that lie ahead of me. Those opinions are secondary and what ever they may be, my life will most certainly carry on despite them."

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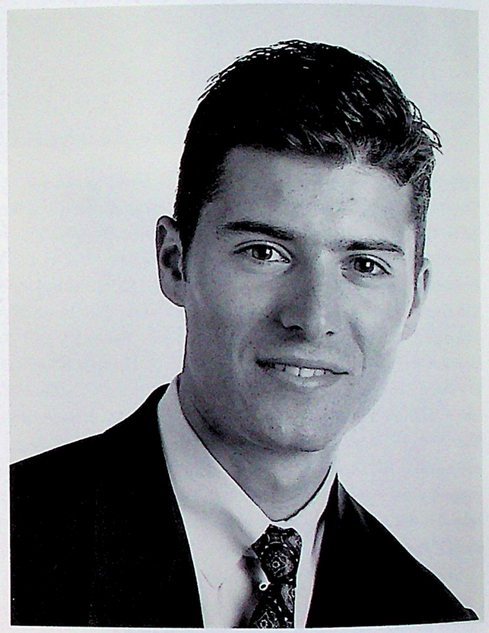

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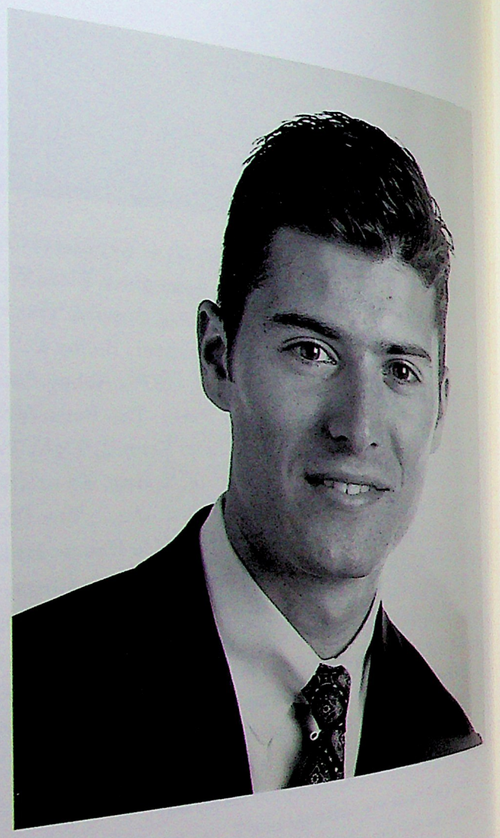

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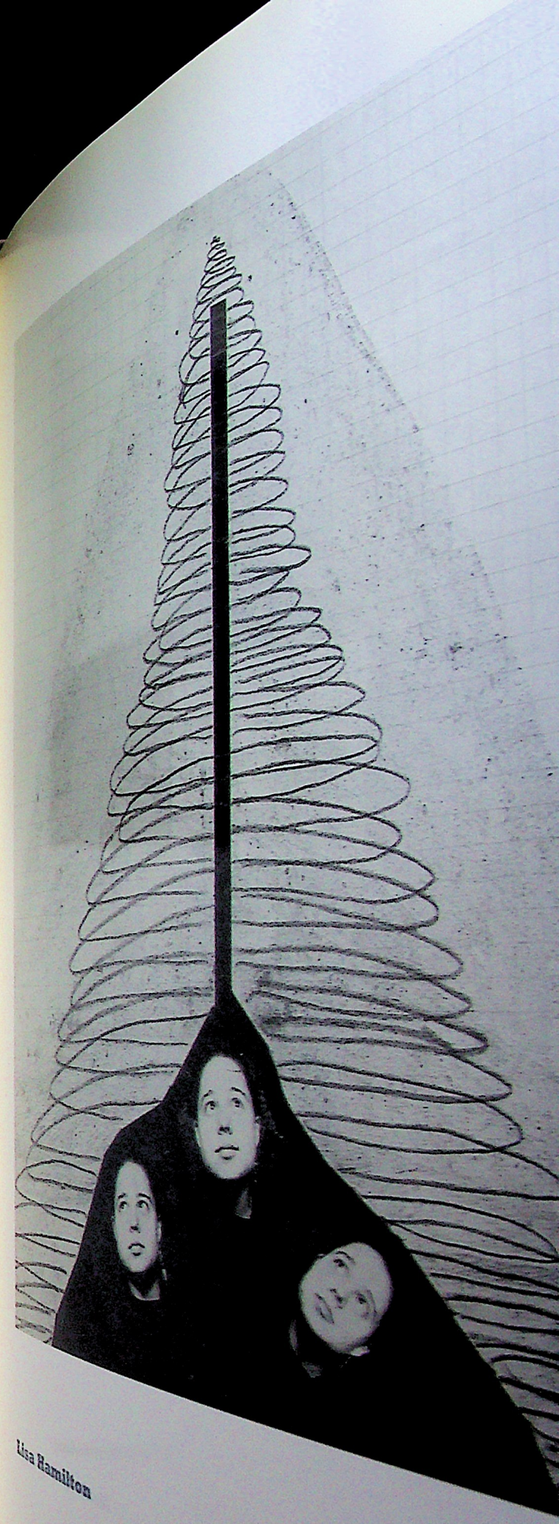
I am, therefore I eat.	— Sum, ergo edo.
I think, therefore I am depressed.	— Cogito, ergo doleo.
I think I'll have another drink.	— Cogito sumere potum alterum.

Dear God,
You don't have to worry about me.
I always look both ways.

Thank you Mom, Dad, Pam, and Patty.
Thank you Noel, Enid, and Olli (the guy in the picture).
You guys really came through when things got a little fuzzy.
I love you all.

"Or was it unlock the safe then swim to the surface?"
— H. Houdini



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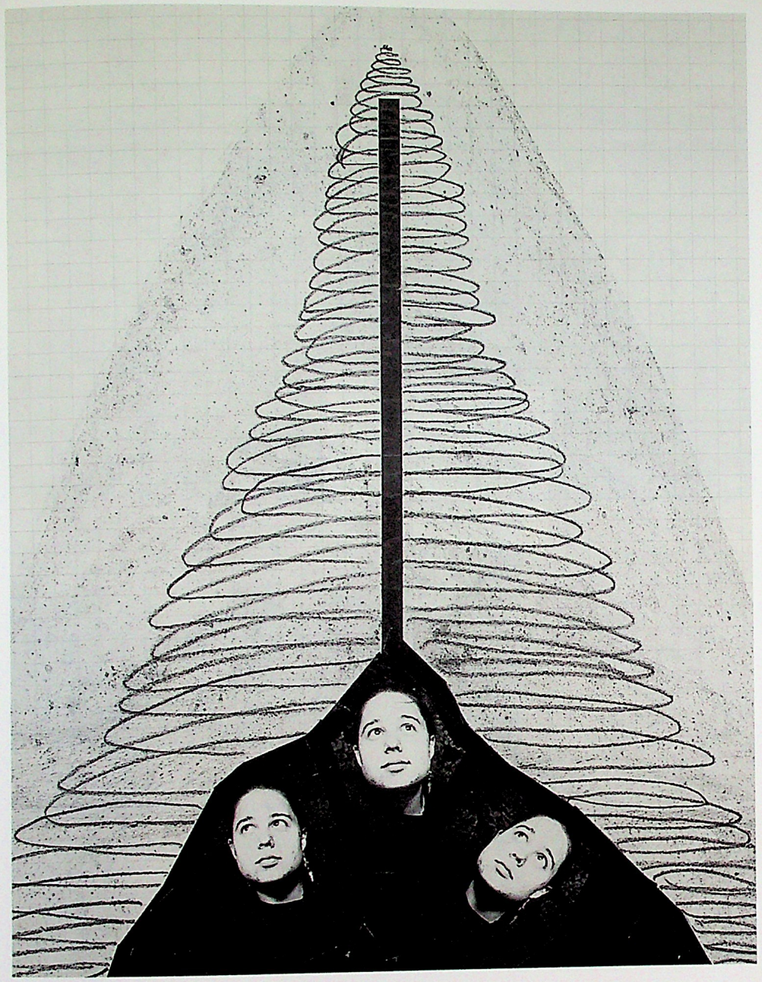

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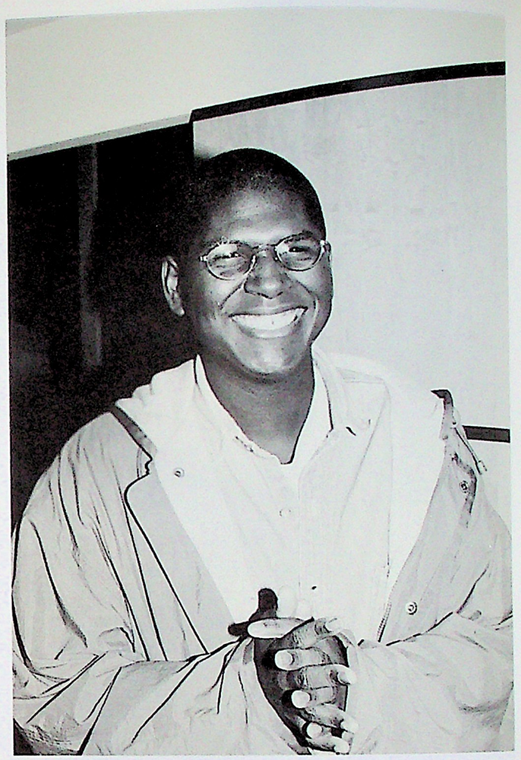

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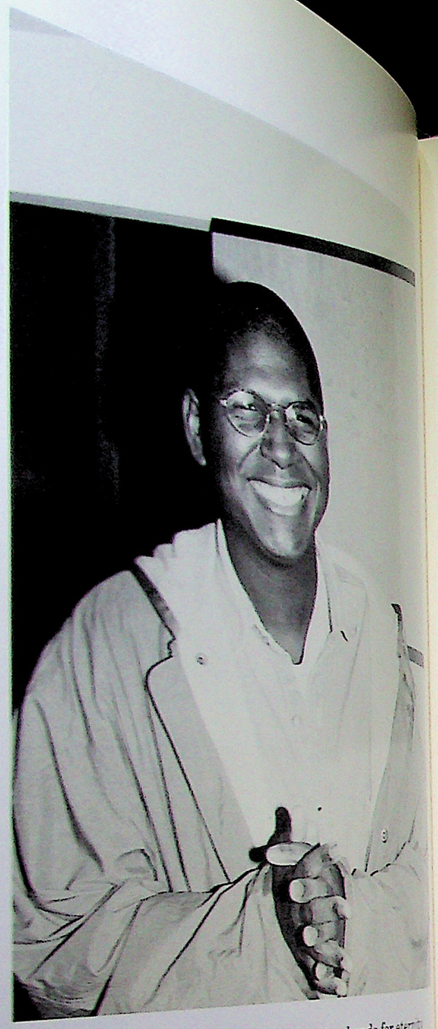

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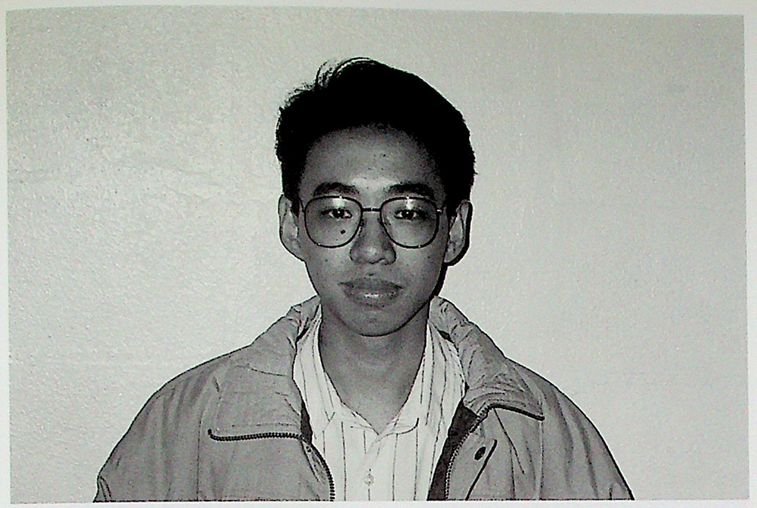

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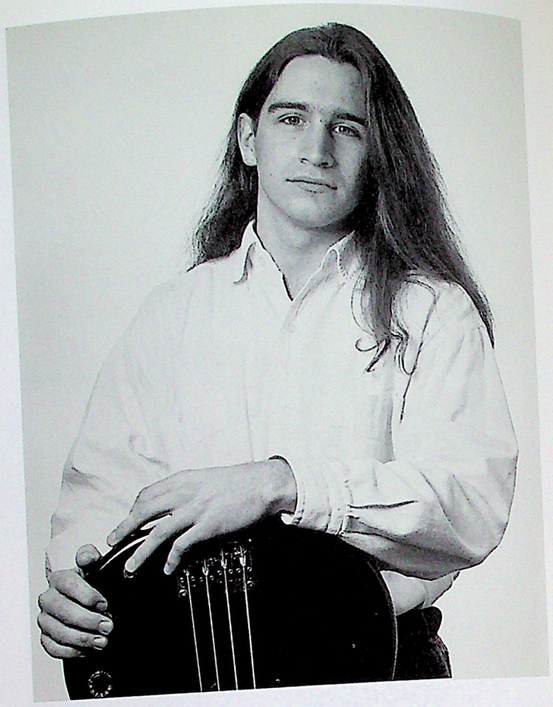

4 years = 150 words

Oops, I think I screwed up on the units again.
Maybe if I was an English Major I could sum up the last few years of my life with a cute quote or poem. No such luck. I'm an engineer. How about V=IR? Pretty much sums up my life.

I would like to say Thank You to my Mom, Dad, Sister, and all three grandmothers. Also I need to say thanks to the Frankies crew for helping me through the last couple of years. And to the rest of my friends, thanks for keeping me sane (if that's what you can call it).

Timothy Hoerning

We should strive to live the happiest moment of our lives every moment of our lives.

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Exerting ourselves is not only to achieve success; it has given us an aim in life,
it has allowed us to find the meaning of our existence.

Po Hsiao

Nickol Huff

"A high-born English spitfire, Lady Regina detested and defied the strapping brute who 'purchased' her with ten fur pelts."

"Alone in the wilderness, Regina was aware of her needs—for food and protection. And MacGregor needed her as well, to help raise his infant son. Bound by fate, they struggled to survive—each day bringing them closer together, every moment unlocking a wild passion in the lady and a loving tenderness in the mountain man. Only the power of their love—body and soul—could help them face the challenges that lay ahead...Wild Dawn."

— Cait Logan, *Wild Dawn*

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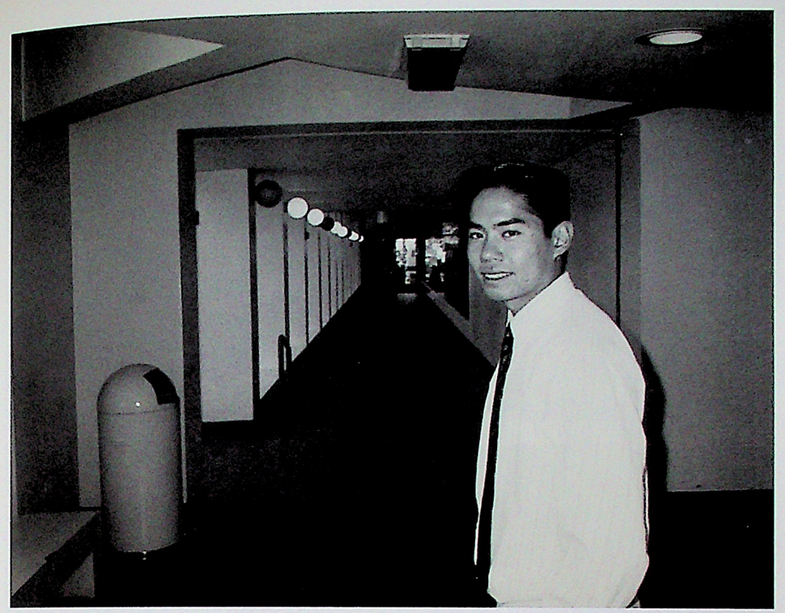
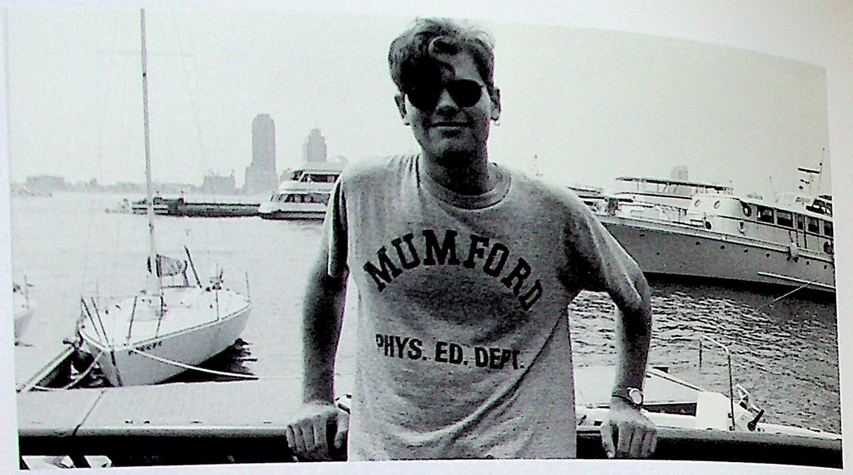
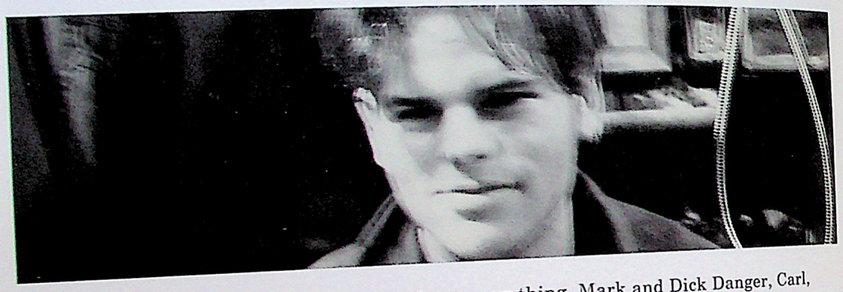


"All you need in life is ignorance and confidence, and then success is sure to come."

— S.L. Clemems (Mark Twain), 1887

Edward Ignacio





The old 12D, the old 12C, Ron and just about everything, Mark and Dick Danger, Carl, Gowtham, Kyle, Noah and Halloween, Robin, St. Marks church, the concert we missed and the one we went to, Devon's third wheel, SNA, Mohammed, Jen and the Peculiar Pub, Linne's disk, our New Years party 1993, 66 CDs, Theresa and Alcatraz, popems at 3 a.m. in 3C, London, Carol, English movies in Paris, Tom Hanks on the 50F bill, Roseanne and milkshakes in Amsterdam, Dan, the dinner in Florence and Ruiniti (thanks!), JCP's pink socks, John Lee's scar, Jane still hasn't seen Clerks, Bill and Bath, Ronni and those girls at The Dome, Kevin and KCL, flooding the hotel in Florence, Elaina and those... paintings, Seon and tennis, Karen, John K and the Coyote on my birthday, Carla, Sachin's kitty, Hewley's Coco party 1994, Dax's advice, Michelle, studying, coffee, and her chair, and my parents.

Michael Inerfield

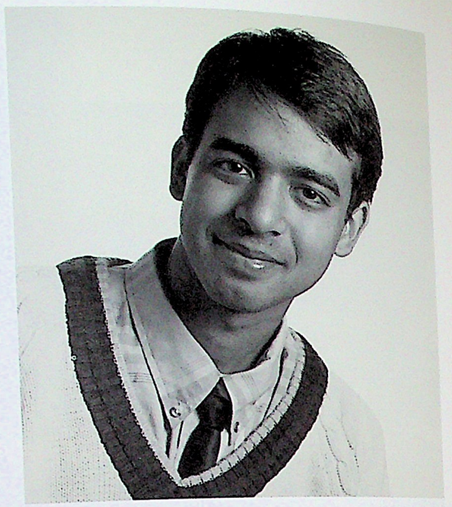
"If the concept of the Horizon is an abstraction,
why do we have to agree on the belief
that there can only be one Horizon?
There can be as many as you can permit
yourself to imagine."

"The viewer must work on the picture too."

"The rest you can get from my sketchbooks."

— Yulia

Yulia Iskhakov



I wish all my friends R.B., S.M., A.R., A.R., T.H., A.W., I.S., R.G., A.L., T.L., B.L., D.F., D.C., W.W., M.H., A.B., whom I couldn't have done it without, all the best in life, wherever it takes you.

Some Memories: sleepless nights, sleep-filled lectures, Cooper's Pioneers, 6:30 a.m. soccer, FF, for Fast Fwd?, 5:30 a.m. humanities registration, D. Baker's short "5 min." speeches, ski trip, Peter Cooper, solving 15 simultaneous equations... and of course we can't forget Frankie's.

I would like to thank the following for their inspiration and support :
My Family, especially My Father
My Friends and Colleagues
The Staff and Professors of The Cooper Union
WHAT A BLAST!
The 4 years passed like a blur, yet each moment was worth a lifetime. Now, on to another great challenge – The World.

One last thing... WE MADE IT!

Arasu Jambukeswaran

I'd hate to be one of those guys who doesn't write anything...

so this is what I wrote.

Alek Jamgocian

Nadia M. Kamara-Jarrett

Steven Kann

Kerri Ann Kelly

two people separated by a bag
sat adjacent to me. 9 o'clock in
laguardia and the shops were closed.
the beverage lady began to tidy up
while chatting with the employees in
uniform with their names in script.
everyone looked glum and solemn after
the holidays. another couple on the
other side began to take pictures of
their reunion with an elderly woman.
the baby had his nose runny and
cheeks rosy like the flowers in the
merry-go-round vending machine. ten
dollars and a hispanic gentleman
bought two. the man took a picture and
my feet stuck out at them from behind.
i would be in their picture taken one
night in an empty airport during a cool
winter breeze of new york city.
94 december

elysian fields for andrea and andrew,
shari and ed

profound gratitude for my parents

all in Him

Heidi Kim

And so I'll say Goodbye. Clap your hands, live well and drink; distinguished initiates of FOLLY.[142]

— Erasmus, 1515

142. The last paragraph begins with a quotation from Lucian's *The Dream or the Cock*. The ironic mask is resumed and Folly remembers she is a garrulous woman, even if she can speak 'a word in season' (a proverb discussed in *Adages*). A last adage is mentioned about a fellow-drinker with a memory. The final reference to drink recalls the earlier serious Bacchus before, in Holbein's wood-cuts, Folly finally leaves her pulpit.

"all ignorance toboggans into know
and trudges up to ignorance again"

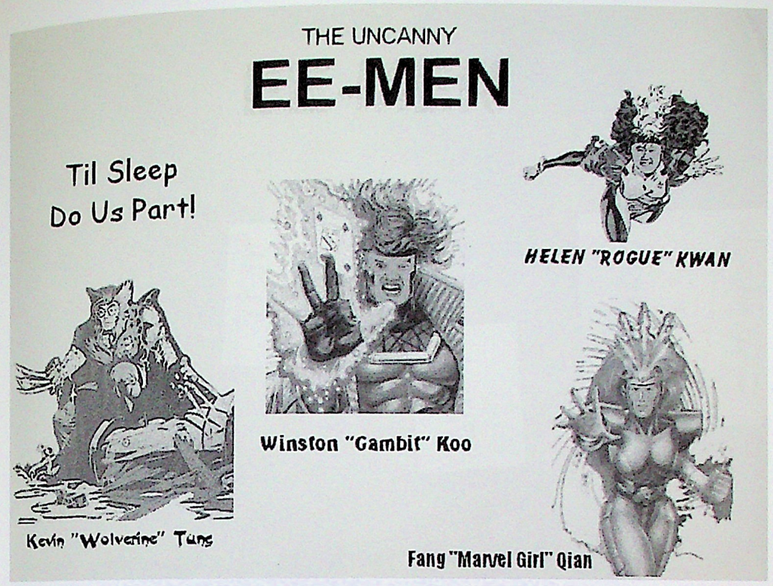
— e. e. cummings

"... I saw life as a series of
complicated dance steps;
impossible to learn, they
have to come naturally . . ."

— Stuart Staples

"'All right,' said the Cat; and this time it
vanished quite slowly, beginning with the
end of the tail, and ending with the grin,
which remained some time after the rest
of it had gone."

— Lewis Carroll

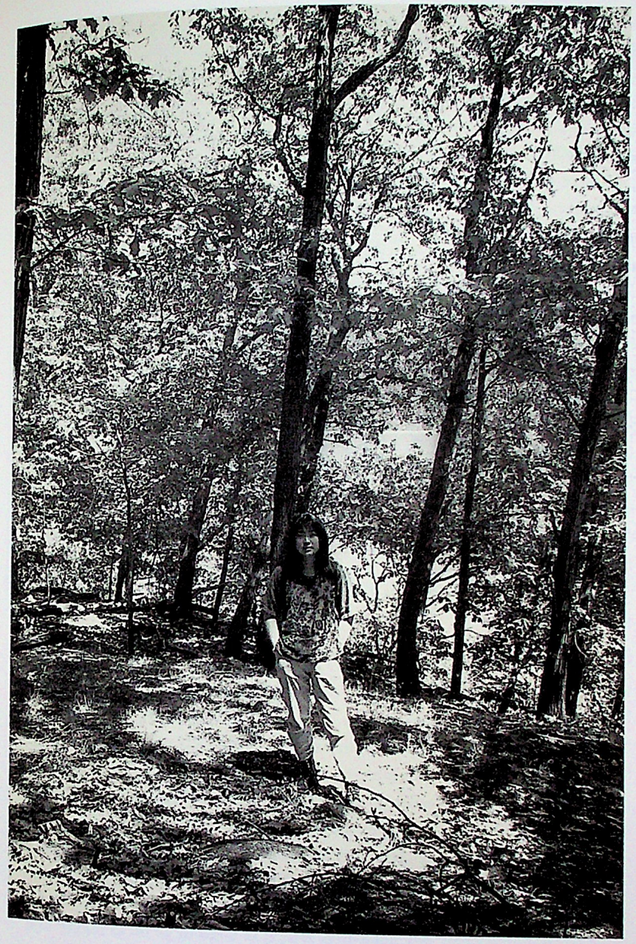


Come what may, to thine own self be true.

Pinky, are you pondering what I'm pondering?
Uh, I think so, Brain, but how we gonna teach monkeys to use dental floss? Narf!

One Second Before Awakening From a Dream

Helen Kwan



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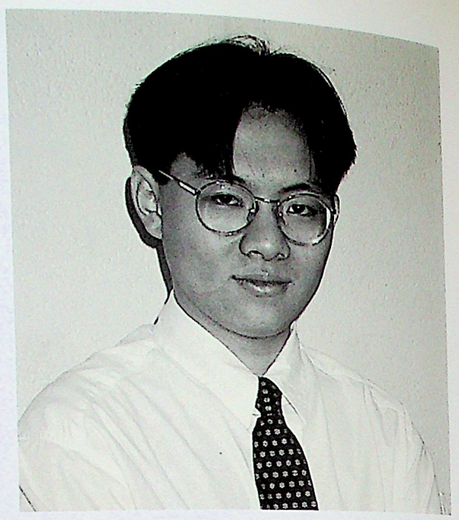
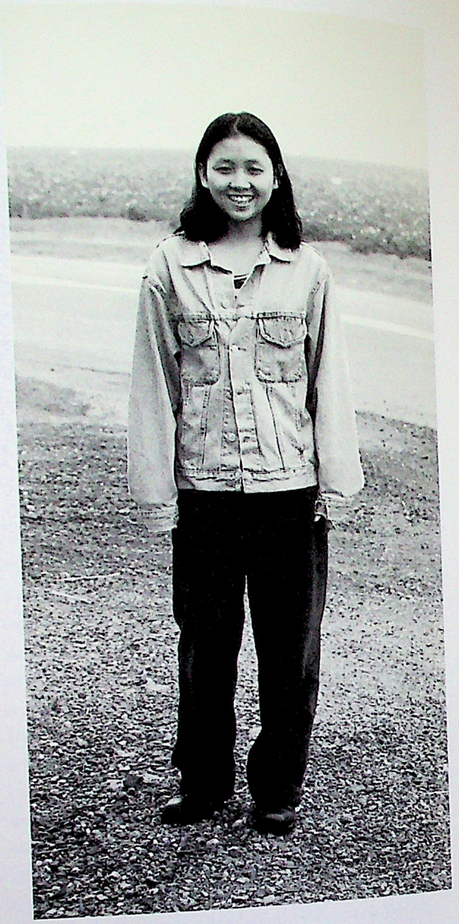


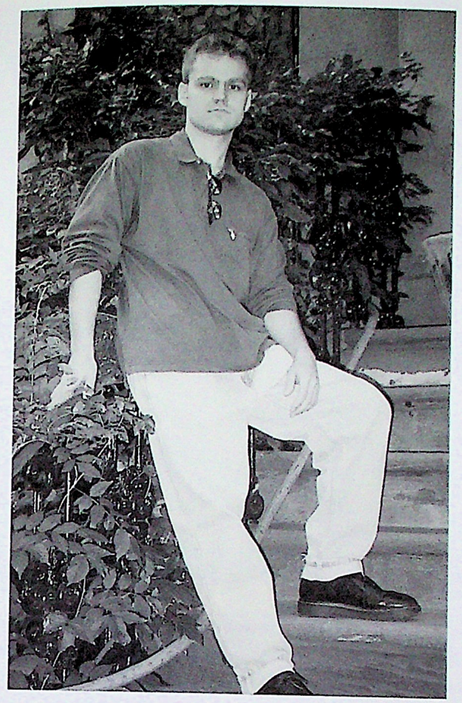
"Patience is a tree whose root is bitter but its fruit is sweet."

Finally! Free at last! Four years of hard work eventually pays off. Thanks 4 everything. I would never have made this far without every single one of U. Susana, thanks so much for all your belief and support since the beginning & I love you! David, you are the man! Wayne, stop working eighty hours a week! Danny, I won't be able to give you blessings anymore! Jan, just do it! Jose, no more"bullchit"! Brian, you've been a great friend since we met. Andrew, nice hair day? Jimmy, what's up!? Mike, how about some Jamaican music? Guowei, go away! Arasu, good luck in your future! We've been through a lot together & it's so hard to say good-bye. But it is time to go on to bigger and better things. Peace to all all friends. KIT!!

Ever since I saw the Blues Brothers, I thought they had the right idea for life — need money? Then steal it: Jake: "Five grand. No problem.We'll have it for you in the morning. Let's go Elwood." Carl (Caddyshack) changed my mind: "I'm gonna be the head greenskeeper, hopefully within 6 years... I'm studying alata this stuff... you know, like chinch bugs, Manganese, alata people don't even know what that is... Nitrogen..." Point is, education is your key to success – learn as much as possible!!! You never know what you'll need to know. Real life example (Grail): "Who approaches The Bridge of Death must answer me these questions three: What, is your name? What, is your quest? What, is the air speed velocity of an unladen swallow...?" So learn, learn, learn!!!



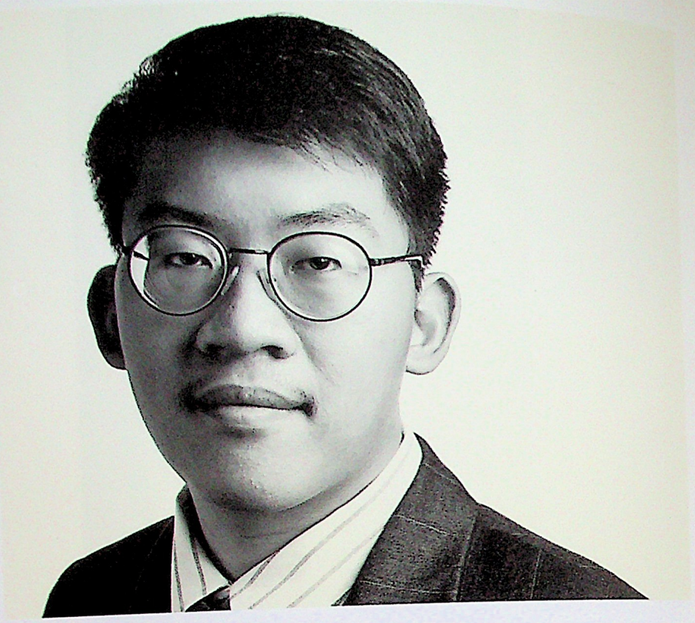
Jie Lan



"Cigarette Smoke Contains Carbon Monoxide."

— SURGEON GENERAL?

Eugen Lazar



To describe, in a few words, everything Cooper means to me is impossible. What I do know is that I've had a great time, I've learned a lot, and I'll never forget my stay here. I will miss walking these halls.

Best philosophy I've learned at Cooper:
The only path to knowledge is through hard work and perseverance.

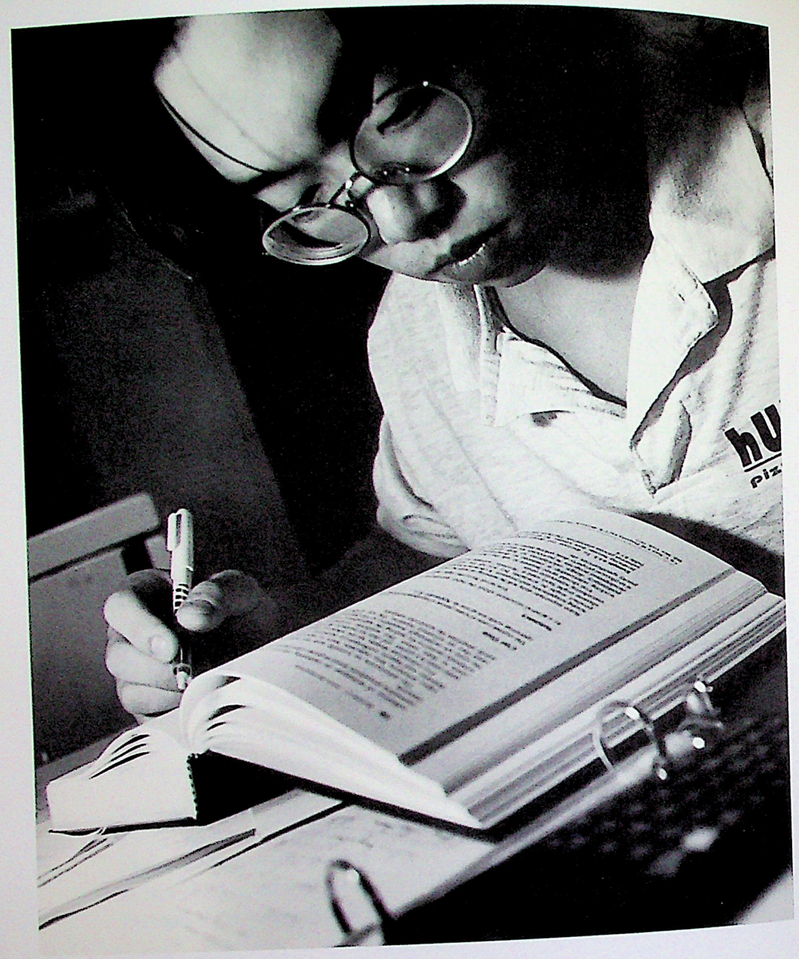
To all my friends:
Thanks for a lot of wonderful memories...
I know not how to say goodbye...
So let's just say farewell for now...
Perhaps, if I'm lucky, we will all meet again...

Brian Lee

"AM I HERE ON THE BASIS OF SOME UNSPECIFIED FUTURE APOCALYPSE,
OR IS IT MY OWN RESTLESSNESS THAT DRIVES ME IN SEARCH OF MY SCATTERED AUTOBOT ARMY?"

— OPTIMUS PRIME

John Lee



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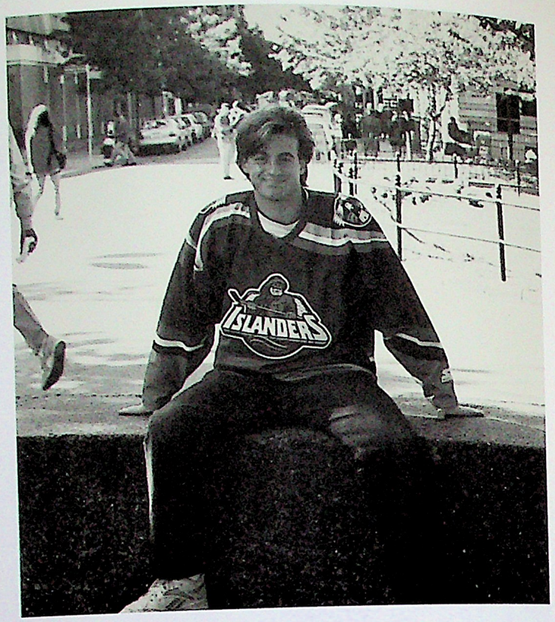
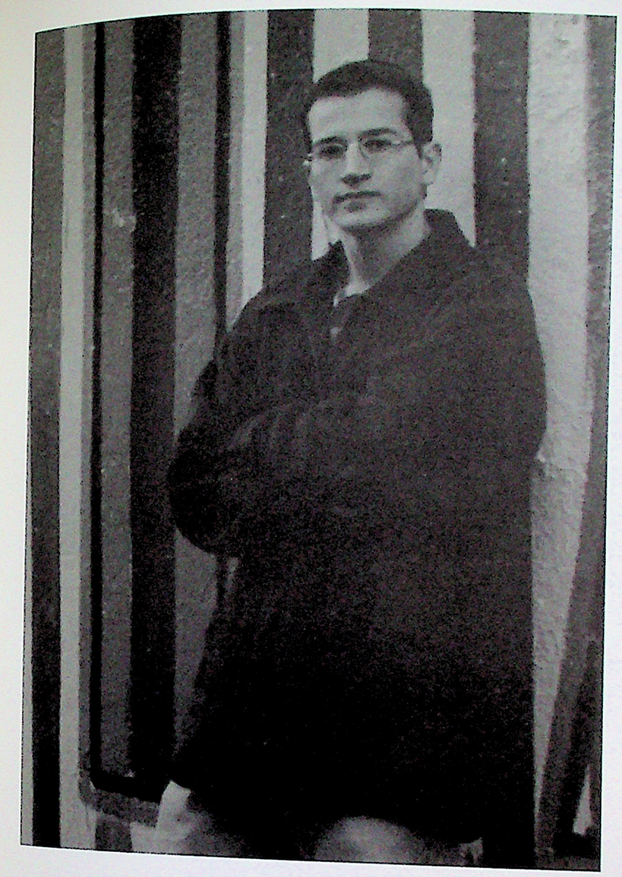


Four years?! Already?! Wasn't it just a few months ago that we all met, worrying about the tremendous responsibilities about to be placed on our shoulders? For perhaps the first time in our lives, we had to choose studying over partying. We never thought we'd have the time to sleep again. But as the years went by, things didn't seem so bad anymore. A great artist by the name of Bob Dylan looking back on his early life once said, "I was so much older then. I'm younger than that now."
Time to get young again, guys. The toughest years of our lives are hopefully behind us. Don't take life too seriously and take a big break.We deserve it.

Best wishes and good luck!

Michael Levak



Peter Levy

Andrew Lew

I have learnt one thing in all my days at Cooper.

A token will take me everywhere in the

WORLD

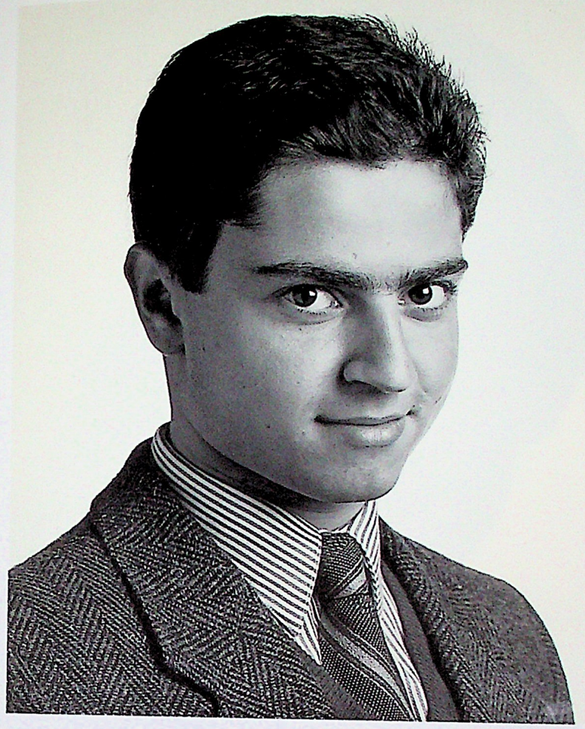
and not just on the subways of

NEW YORK CITY!

Hey don't get me wrong.
Chemical engineering was somewhere in there too!!

Stephanie Lewis-Simpson

Thanks Mom and Dad!



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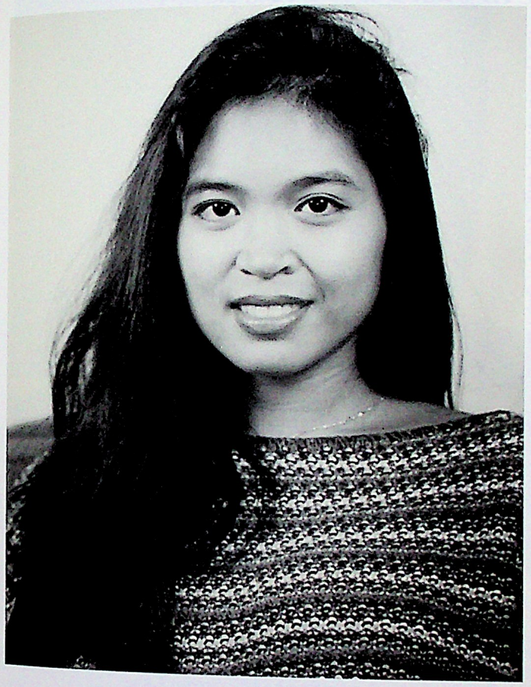
Kaming Liu



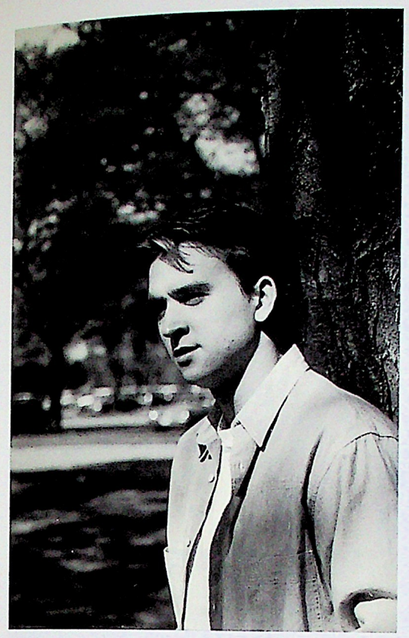
Patricia Gracia Llana

To my family: Thank you for supporting me, in more ways than one.

To my brothers: Thanks for always being there, TAU DELTA PHI.

To Melissa: Without you, I wouldn't be the person I am.
You have my love, now and always.

Robert Machado



Be it women

stocks

cars

clothes

college

You're only as good as your last pick.

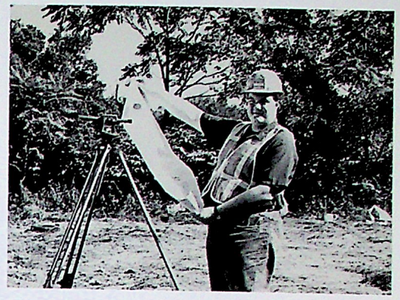
One out of five ain't bad.

Michael Maksymuk

Kora Manheimer

Some people come into our
Lives and quickly go.
Some stay for awhile and
Leave footprints on our hearts,
And we are never, ever, the same.

In memory of
Florence Nowacki (1921-1995)



"For every thing you have missed,
you have gained something else;
and for every thing you gain,
you lose something."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Don't give a sucker an even break,
but never cheat a friend."

— Cary Grant in "Mr. Lucky"

"I'm here to help you . . ."

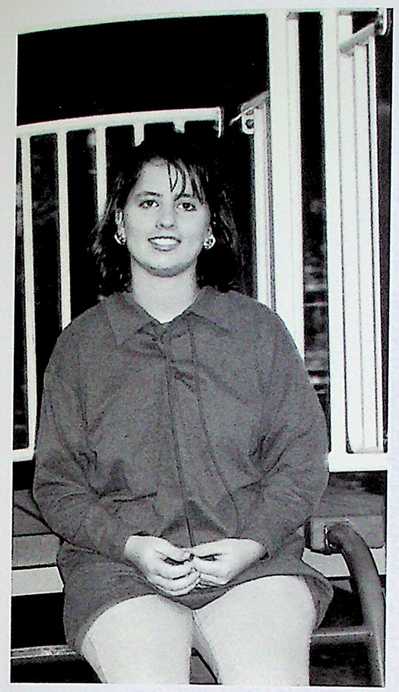
— Anonymous

"Advance to GO, collect $200."

— Mr. Monopoly

Gary R. Marcus

Jennifer Martinkat



An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back,

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

the rain fall soft upon your fields and,

until we meet again

May God hold you in the palm
of His hand.

To my family and friends:
Thank you. I could not have done
it without you.

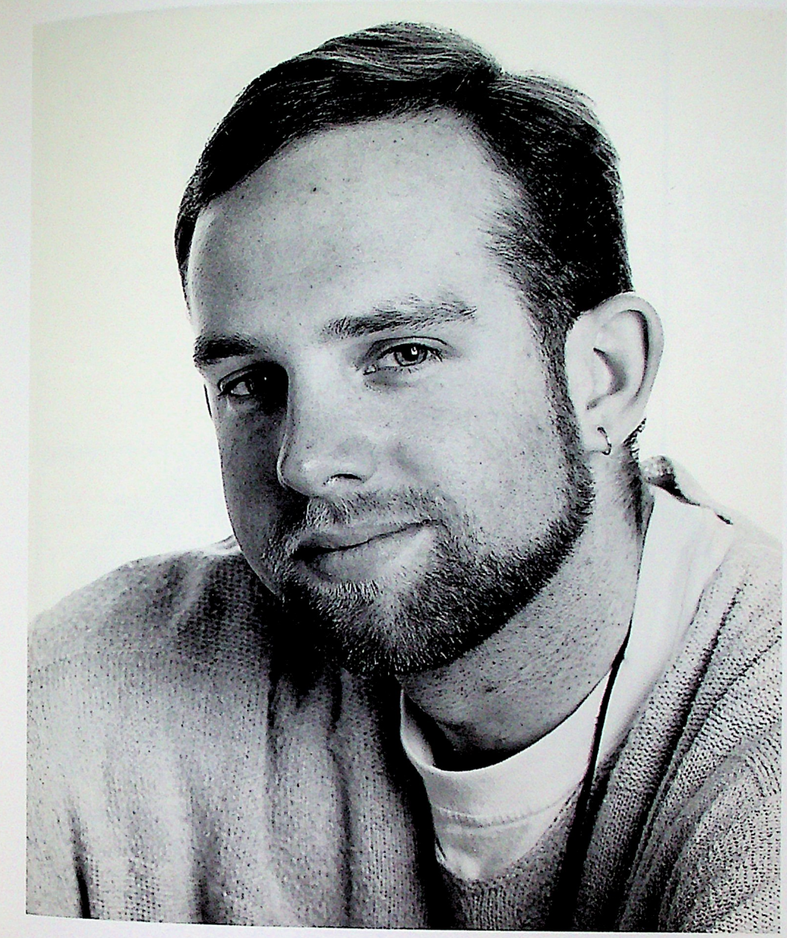
Congratulations to the Class of '96.

Mary-Ellen Massaro

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a man whom I never knew. Yes you have guessed it, Peter Cooper himself. This man's foresight and good heart, made it possible for me and many others to acquire a great education, free of charge. I would also like to thank my friends R.P.B., A.R., A.R., K.G., sexy T.H., A.J., A.W., and my favorite of all S.S.M. for being there for me, when I needed them.

GOOD LUCK TO ONE AND ALL!!!

Note: Always explain your stapling!!!
(Unexplained stapling shall live on, thanks to rat boy and guinea pig girl!)



Kelly Miller

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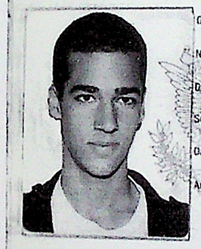

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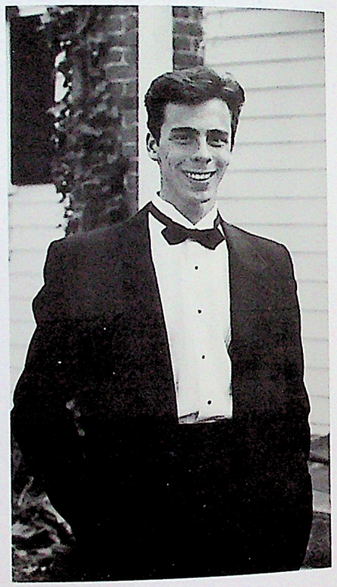
Alberto Mora

Goodbye Cooper!

I just want to thank my Mom, Dad, and especially Mehul.



Stephen Mullins

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Thanks Mr. Cooper for everything. I am indebted to you, the faculty, and the Cooper community for providing me with a challenging and rewarding college experience. The strong foundation that you have given me will allow me to pursue my dreams. Best of luck to all my friends, I will miss you.

Alan Steven Nasar

Wilford Nelson

Monica, thank you for all you have done. I Love you, (K.L.S.B.)

To the Zetes: Thank you guys for always being there.

A mis padres y a mi hermana: gracias por todo el amor que me han dado.

"Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence.

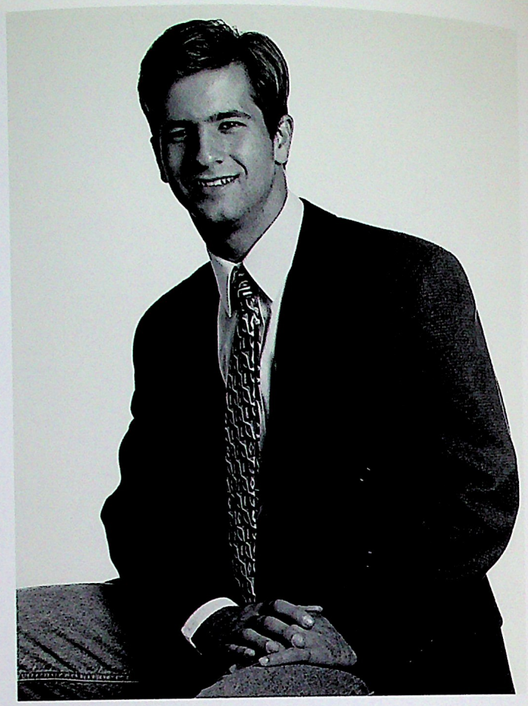
Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent.

Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb.

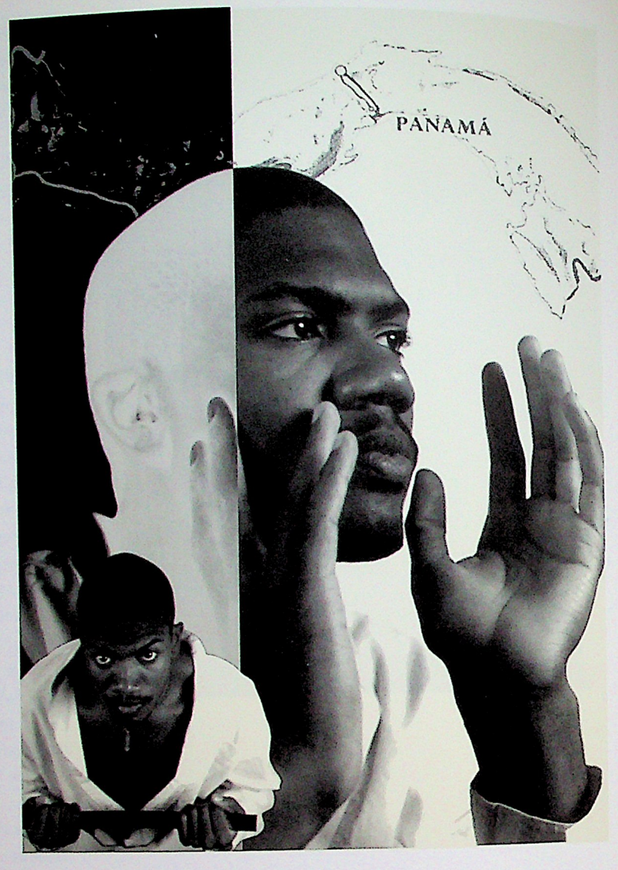
Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts.

Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent."

— Anonymous

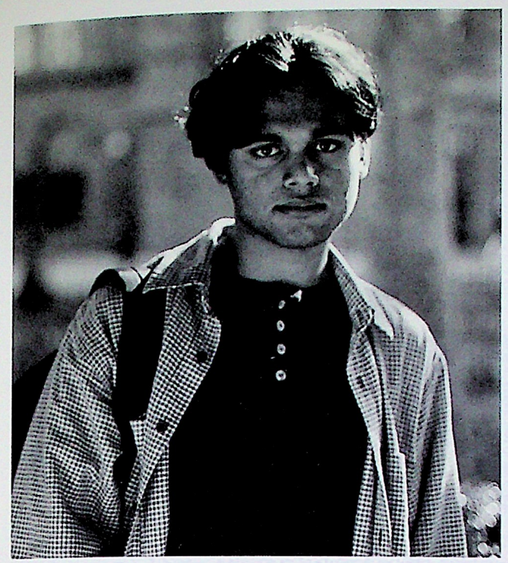


All I can say about the four years here at Cooper Union was that it was a truly unique journey. It was not your typical college experience. There were a couple of things I could never forget — The European excursion with Elaina, John, Kevin, Dan, and Mike, especially Deep Pan Pizza and the weekly BBQ's — The Sleep Forum at the Cape Cod with Reid, Jonathan, Andy, Joe, Joe (and Joe #3) — Work, Work, Work — The Buttcheek phenomenon with Fred, Guy, Tim, and Adam — Our honorary roommates for two years, Margaret and Irene – The Loss of a Treasure that I still hold Dear — The hopeful sailing our concrete canoe with Reid, Jonathan, Evan, Jim, and Guisippe — "It's 1 o'clock on a Thursday Night at Nevada Smiths" with Derek and Fred — However, none of it would matter without the support and love of my family, Thanks Mom, Dad, Jamie, David, and Michael.



"The first, but not the last!"

— M.R.P.

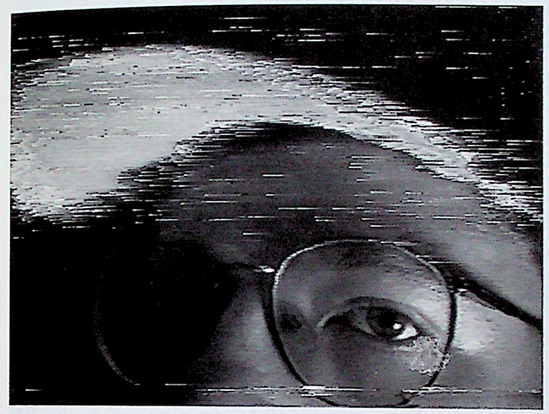


On entering Cooper all I knew was that an engineer I would be, without really knowing what an engineer was. A very romanticized ambition it was. Four years later I still don't really know, and now I must begin my life as one. Funny that the 22+ years of my life has led up to this moment of confusion. But my job is to figure it out, and so begins today, the first day of the rest of my life. It's interesting that the backpackers I met in Australia and NZ were more lost than I and were all having a blast finding themselves.

It was the worst of times, it was the best of times. Never have I forgotten those who have touched upon my life even for but a moment. To my friends that have always been, you will always be and so no goodbyes need be said.

Thanks go out to certain distinguished members of faculty and student body for making sure I didn't, like Rip van Winkle, snooze my way through a most interesting experience: Prof. LeMee for signing innumerable class change schedules; Prof. Sidebotham and Stan "the Man" Rudman for making a couple of good classes great; Prof. Chinitz, for keeping us all on our toes; Prof. Grossman for not killing me; and Prof. Hollenberg for killing me. As for the students, where to begin (or end): Margarett Jolly and Shannon Spence for organizing all lazy transfer-type students and generally being up-standing ladies (can I say that?); the balance of the ME class this year, who are really the most impressive assemblage of talent in one spot I have ever encountered (you know who you are, eh?); most kudos, though, go to my personal four musketeers for keeping me honest: Beth Fabinsky, Joe Reiter, Seon Han and Andrew Mosedale (the horse we ALL rode to victory). Lastly, to D, without whom I just wouldn't have bothered in the first place, all my love.

Christopher Raup



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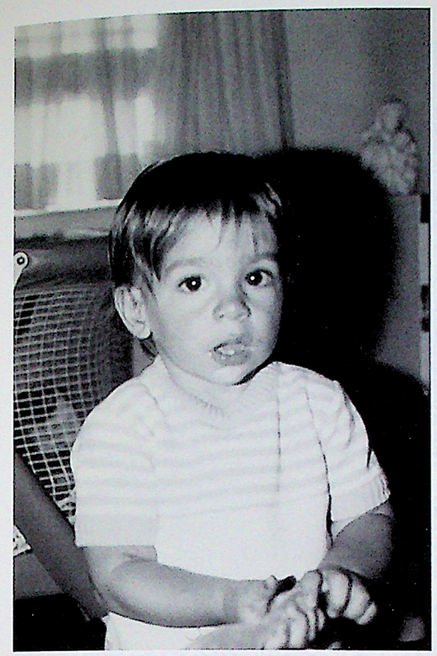

"And these streets, quiet as a sleeping army,
Send their battered dreams to heaven; to heaven
For a mother's restless son
Who is a witness to, who is a warrior,
Who denies his urge to break and run;"

"Who says: Hard times? I'm used to them,
The speeding planet burns; I'm used to that,
My life's so common it disappears.
And sometimes, even music
Cannot substitute for tears."

— P. Simon

"If it weren't for me, you would have all flunked!"

— Alex, "The Egoist," BDR.

P.S. Relax, it's a joke, and we are all outta here!

Special thanx to Bob, Stinson, and Kathy
I would have never made without you guys.

IF
YOU
DON'T

FIGHT
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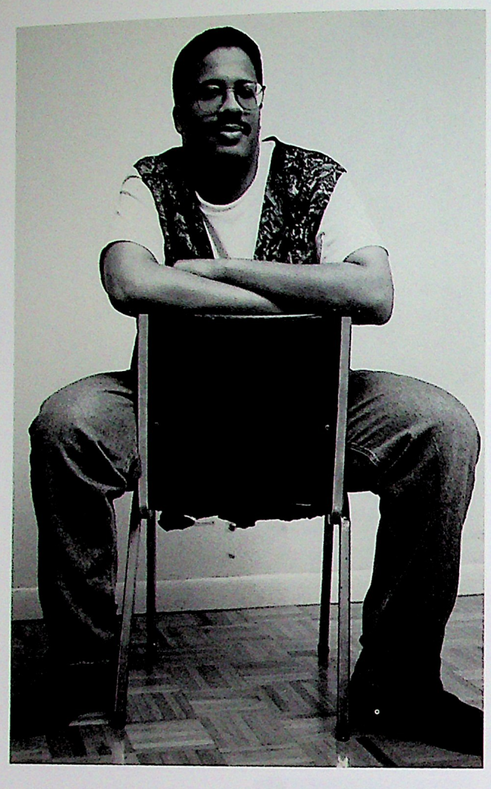
TRYING to REACH ULTIMATE ENLIGHTENMENT

another **Black Graduate**, 1996



Cooper, one of the few
places that means so much
that it only needs one word
to describe it, BAKER.
I've learned here, that in
life there are a many things
that are important.
For example you have the
Ace of spades, then there's
the two of spades. There
are the close and intimate
friends I have found.
This place has left its
mark on all our lives;
From the CUCC, the
FHOUSE, and the DORMS
to MUNCHIES, McD's,
KIEV, and SAN LOCO.
Branded in my memory will
all you be.

KIANG CS SWEAPEA
SHMECKELE PRESIDENT
SAPO GROUCHO (14B/5D)
PIONEERS.

"A Few Good Bowlers".
69'ers

"dos o tres lineas
una marca
y el silencio
empieza a hablar"

— C.V.

Gracias a mis padres por su apoyo y amor incondicional

Y tu Denise, por escucharme tarde en las noches

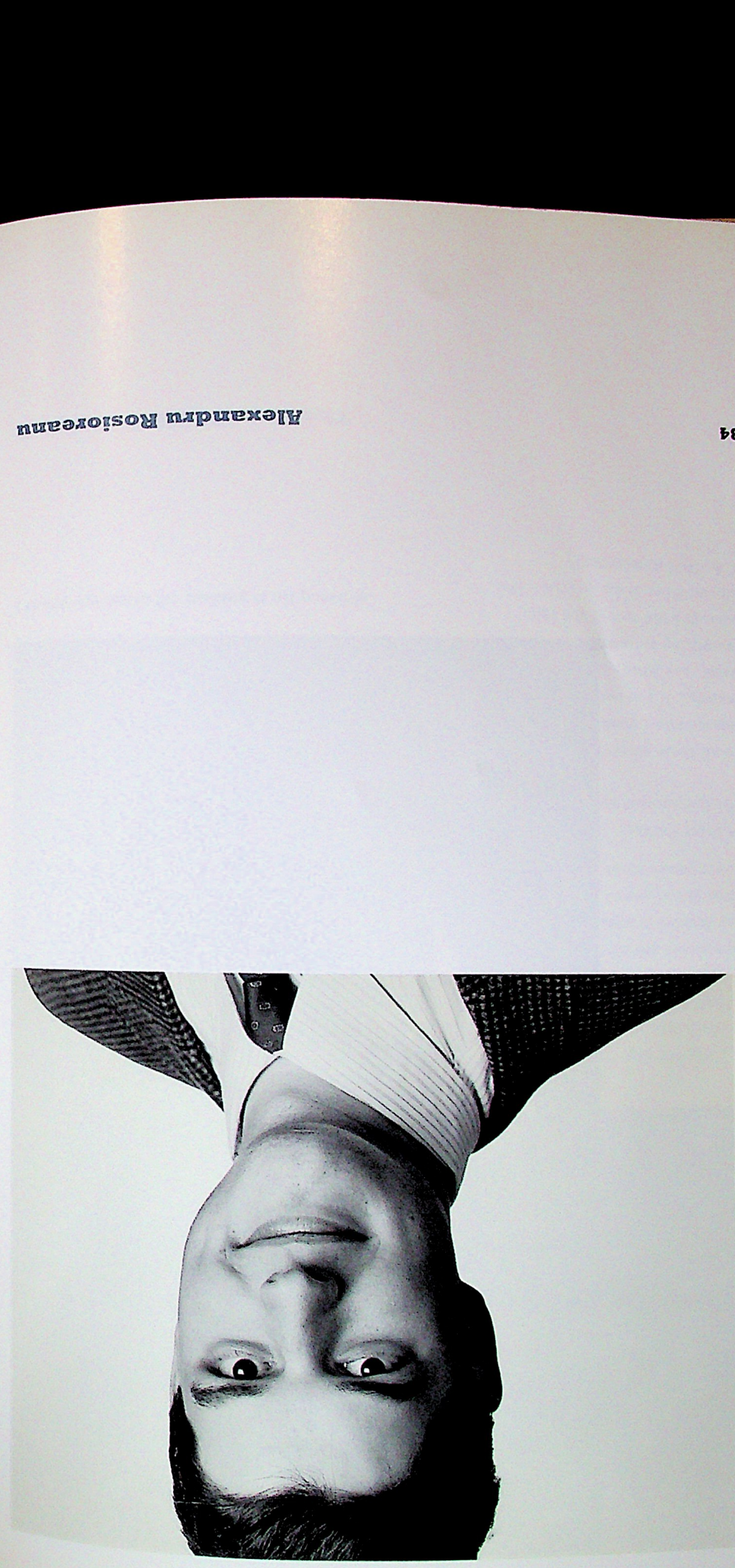
Thank you N,S,V,E for making Cooper an unforgettable experience!

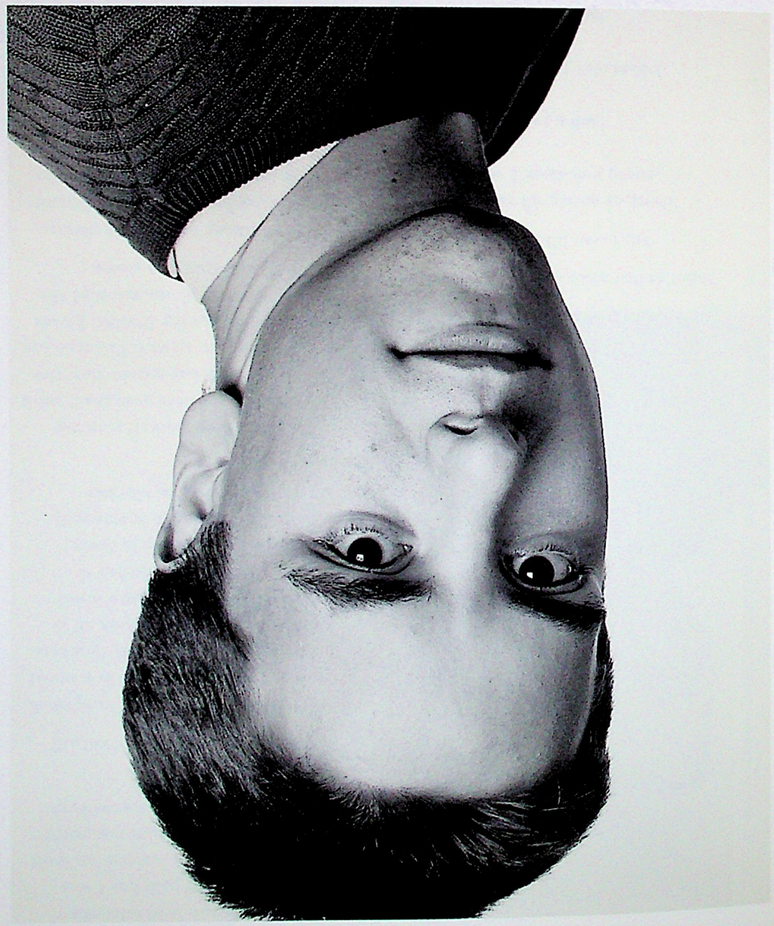
"... I was the shy, bookworm type — taunted and teased all through school. But... science sustained me — gave me a sense of self worth my classmates denied me... Fate one day decided to give a lonely kid this great gift of power... with great power comes great responsibility."

— Peter Parker,
The Spectacular Spider-Man #87

To all those whose paths have crossed mine, good luck and be peaceful. If you see me in the street, say what's up...Thanks for everything Mom and Dad and Joy, Lola, and the rest of the fam.
All you other D.J.s...–TNR – D.J. N.A. (Neil Armstrong)

I thank my uncle for making it all possible.





Lappenwocky
Dig eyre and gimple in the wabe:
All mimsy were the borogoves,
And the mome raths outgrabe."
"Twas brillig, and the slithy toves

In my life I have a list of things to do before I die.

Right now I'm soo far behind I'll never die!

To my Parents: Thanks for giving so much!
I hope I made you proud.

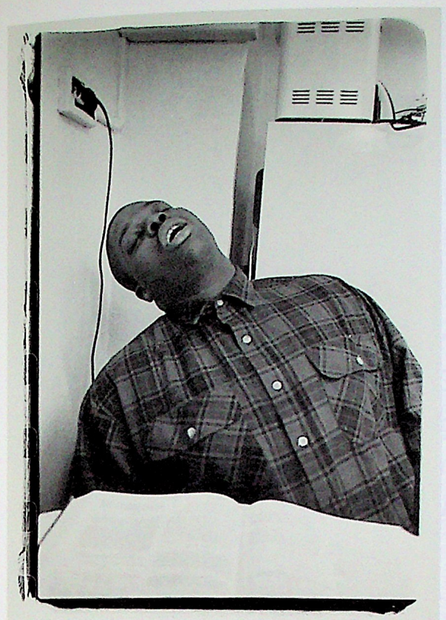
Now I want a dog!

To my sister: You're a great role model.

Now I want a dog!

To my brother: My sleepwalking days are
finally over.

Now I want a dog!



"When I was a boy, I dreamt of playing football, but I was allergic to milk and the soybean juice substitute that my mother gave me made my bones weak, but I digress.

My point is, I LOVE Football!

Football, the ballet of bulldozers, the moments of grace in a sea of fury. The crowd fickle, fanatical, and faithful. Every kick off is possibility, every down a war, and every now and then it doesn't come down to fancy strategy or speed or strength, it comes down to who has more heart.

Yes, you see football is in my bones and where goes the 2 point conversion, the onside kick, the TV timeout, so go I. I've seen the locker rooms my friends. I have smelled the shoes, stormed the field and sung the songs.

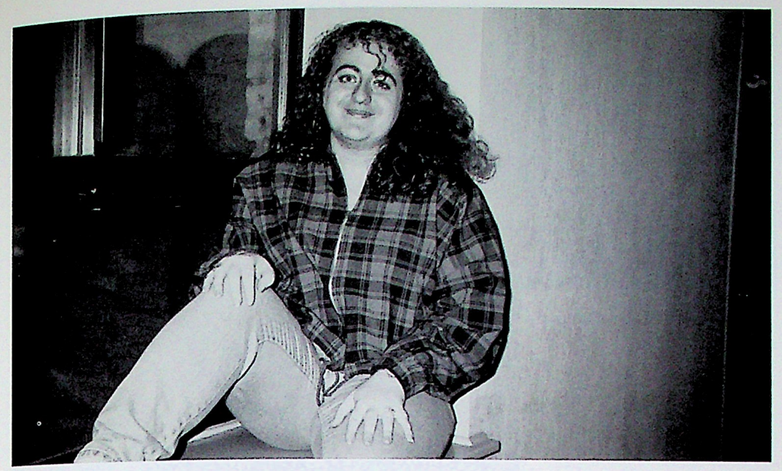
And I have heard the footsteps, yes, and they say to me, 'Stanley, is football the greatest game in the world?'

And I say, 'Yes, footsteps, yes it is.'"

— Dennis Hopper

Education is not the sum total of knowledge learned, but an ongoing process of asking questions. Someday, when it's almost all over, you'll be able to kick back and say:

How in hell did I end up here?



To my family: Thanks for everything.

Kristen, Mike and El: You've been around forever, through thick and thin. You three are the greatest.

RULES: We have PURPLE POWER!!! Friends forever – sisters for a eternity.

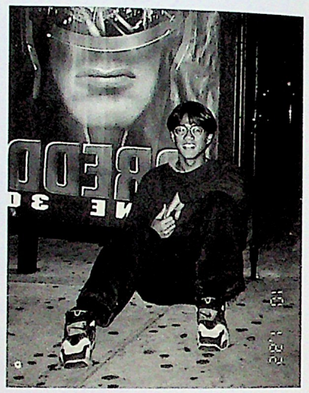
Nickol, Sheri, Mikey and Subroutine Seth: We spent way too much time together and I loved every minute of it.

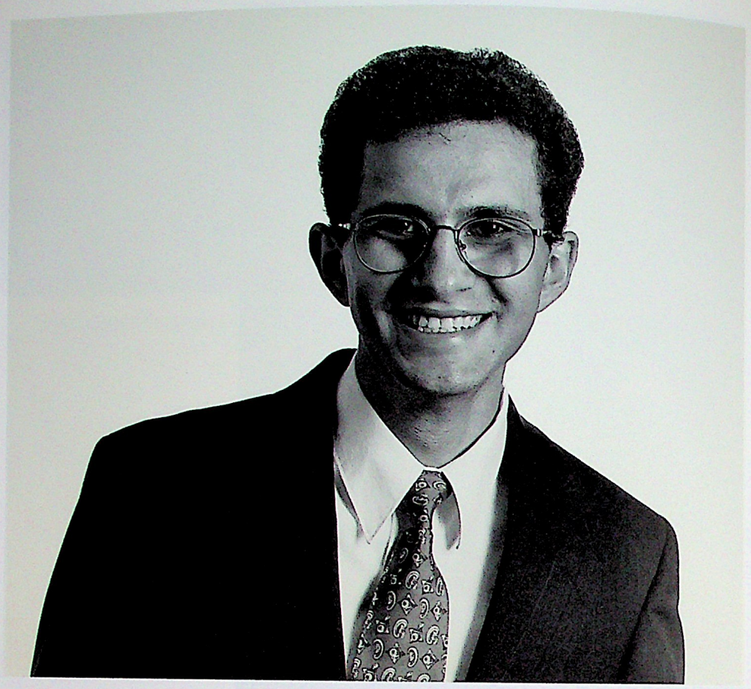
Jenn and Mary: I always knew that you two shared a brain. So, when do I get to use it? We've shared so much. I'll never forget you.

And lastly, to my THREE best friends at Cooper; Rob (Testic...), Brian (Power B), and Dave (P-Man): Wherever life's road may lead us, I know you will be there with me. (I've already tried to get rid of you three and it just doesn't work.) You will ALL always have a special place in my heart. Love U 3.

CONGRATS CLASS OF '96 KIT

If Redd fell from a tree and no one was around to hear him, did he make a sound?





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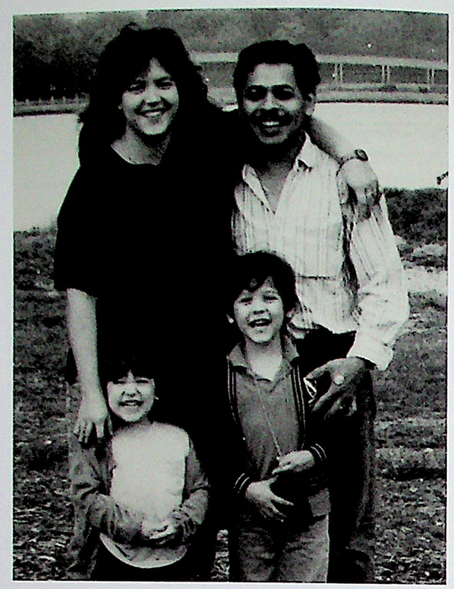


Shannon, Claudio, Daisy and Diego

"If I had to begin all over again I would of
course try to avoid this or that mistake, but the
main course of my life would remain unchanged.
I shall die a proletarian revolutionist, a Marxist,
a dialectical materialist, and, consequently,
an irreconcilable atheist. My faith in the communist
future of mankind is not less ardent, indeed it is
firmer today than it was in the days
of my youth."

"... I can see the bright green strip of grass beneath
the wall, and the clear blue sky above the wall, and
sunlight everywhere. Life is beautiful. Let the
future generations cleanse it of all evil, oppression,
and violence, and enjoy it to the full."

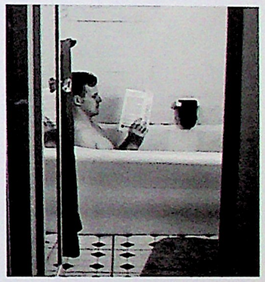
— Leon Trotsky, February 27, 1940

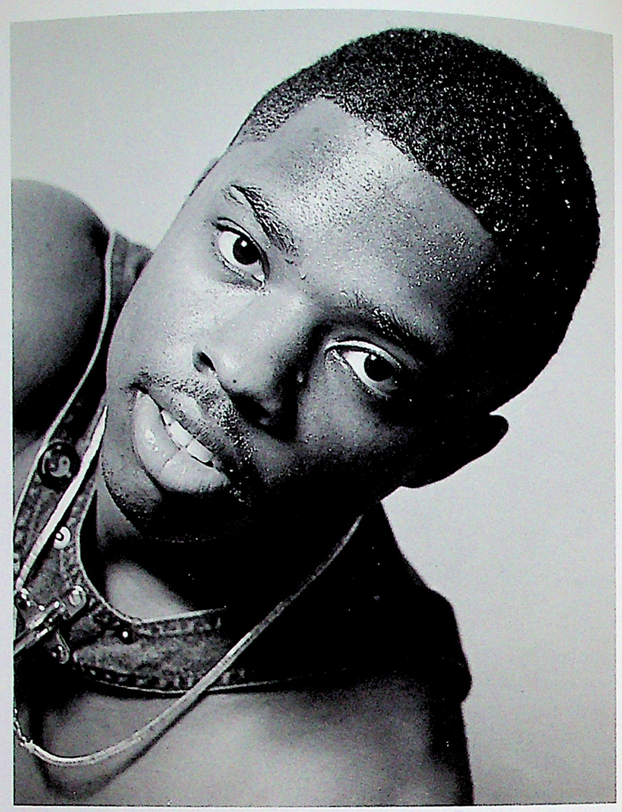
poem "Hammer"

The city of Defiance is empty of people,
attesting to my education in places and things.
Connected by empty straight roads,
it stands silent in the wasteland.
It stands silent, except for the occasional
echoing hammer stroke,
which discloses my tinkerings and adjustments.

I have built Defiance;
its edifices are dedicated to confidants
and co-conspirators.
It stands silent, finished but never really,
and will wait until, old and world-weary,
the intended occupants move in.

Thank you, family, friends, and those whose
names appear on monuments.





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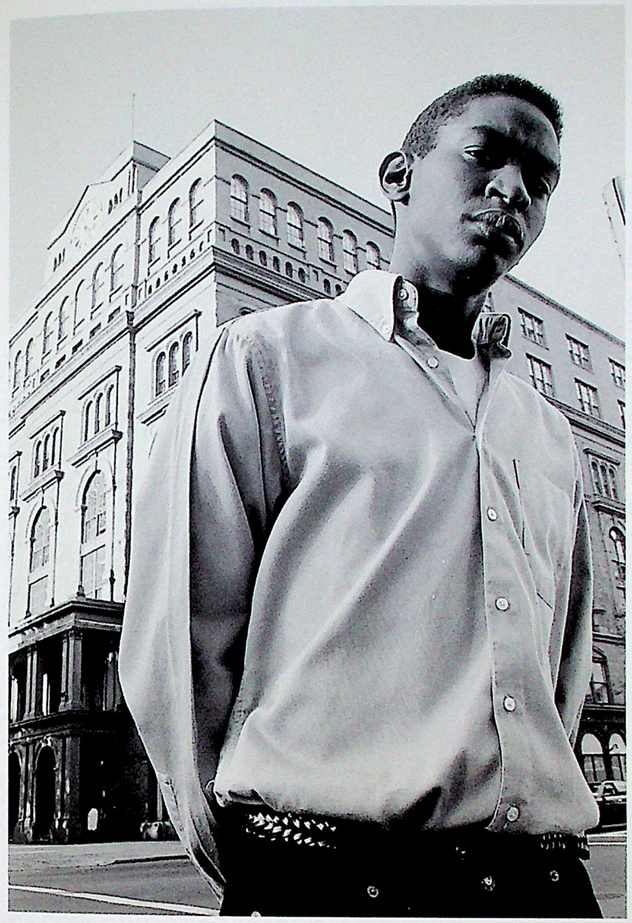

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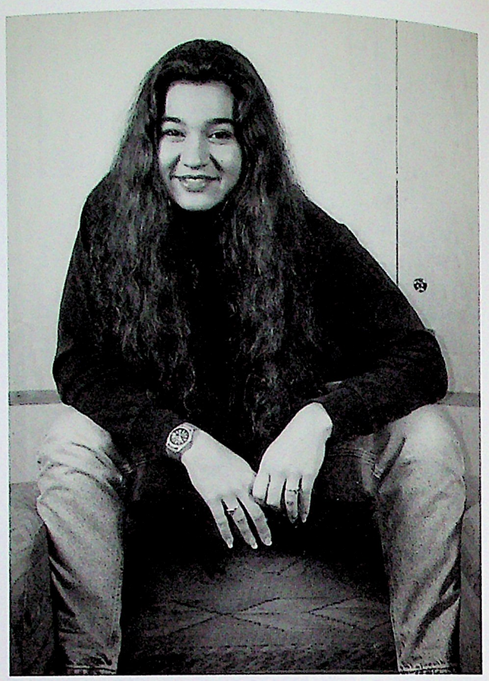


What I learned at Cooper...

1. Gravity does not exist; friction is negligible.
2. "The answer is either zero, one, infinity, gradient, or it's on the board." –Prof. Mahalek
3. Mathematics is "trivial,"; homework is "total garbage." –Prof. Kondopirakis
4. For an exam, Prof. Brazinsky will always have paper; if he gives you graph paper, you need it.
5. Prof. Wolf gives you three hours for his final, but "you won't need it."
6. "The control designer always looks out for such simplifications."
   — George Stephanopoulus, Chemical Process Control
7. "If you have questions, ask."
   — Prof. Ahmed

One day, I asked the voices in my head, "Voices in my head, is Cooper Union the happiest place on Earth?" So they told me, "It sure is, and you're the Queen of England." I think they were being sarcastic. So I asked them, "Voices in my head, are you being sarcastic?" So they answered, "You got a nice ass, toots." I'm scared.

"We're one
But we're not the same
We get to carry each other
Carry each other
One"

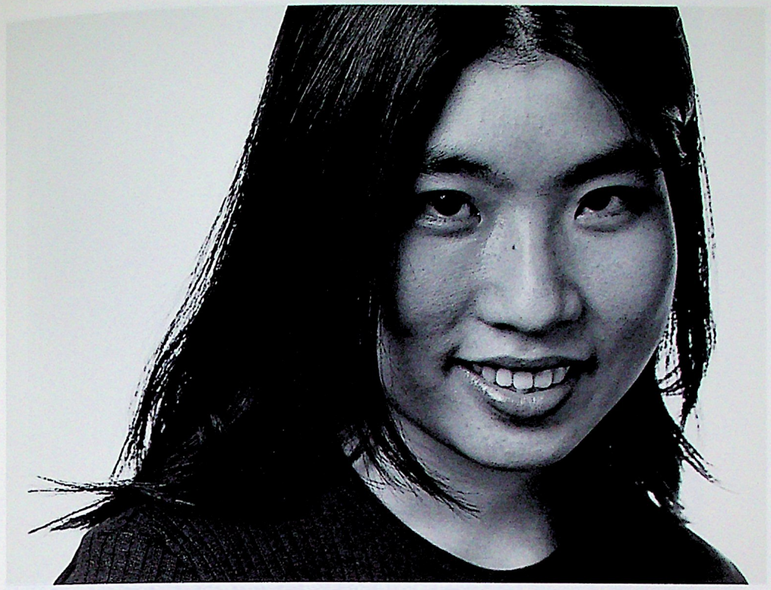
— Bono

Mom and Dad: Thanks for everything you have done for me and Sis.

To E.I., M.M., Boobie, & N.S.: Good luck. You guys were cool friends.

To the rest of the M.E.'s: You guys (and gals) were terrific classmates (really), except that your GPA's were just too damn high. JK. Good luck to all. To Dean Baker (the greatest dean in the world), and the rest of the basketball team: Best of luck in the future.

And finally to D.D., future M.D.: Best of luck in med school, you have been an awesome friend for four years.



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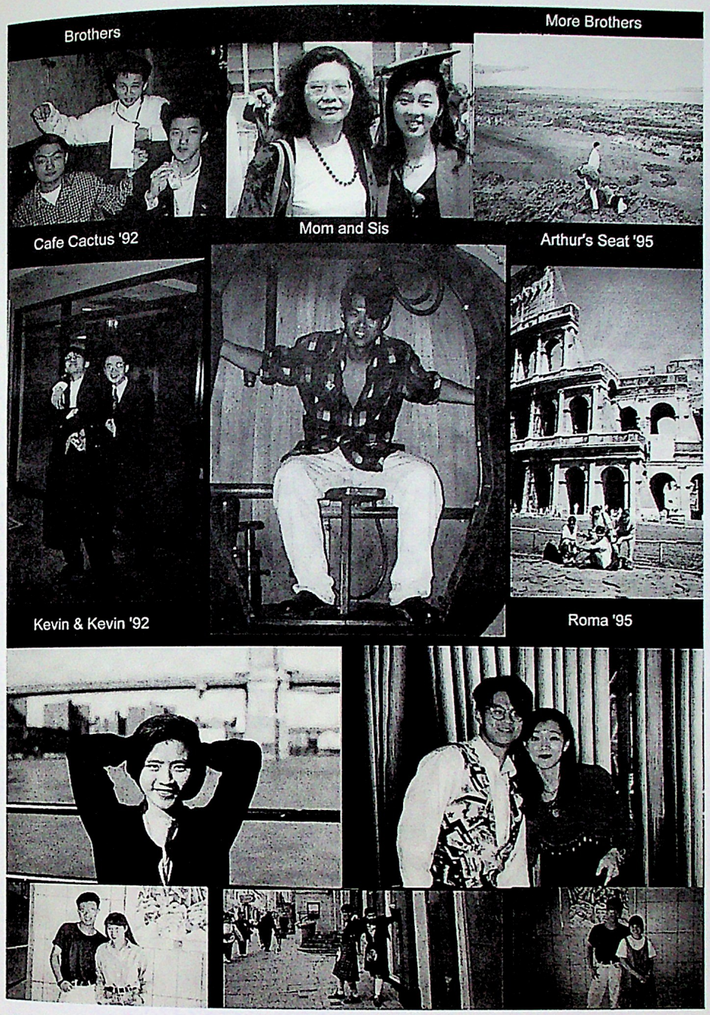

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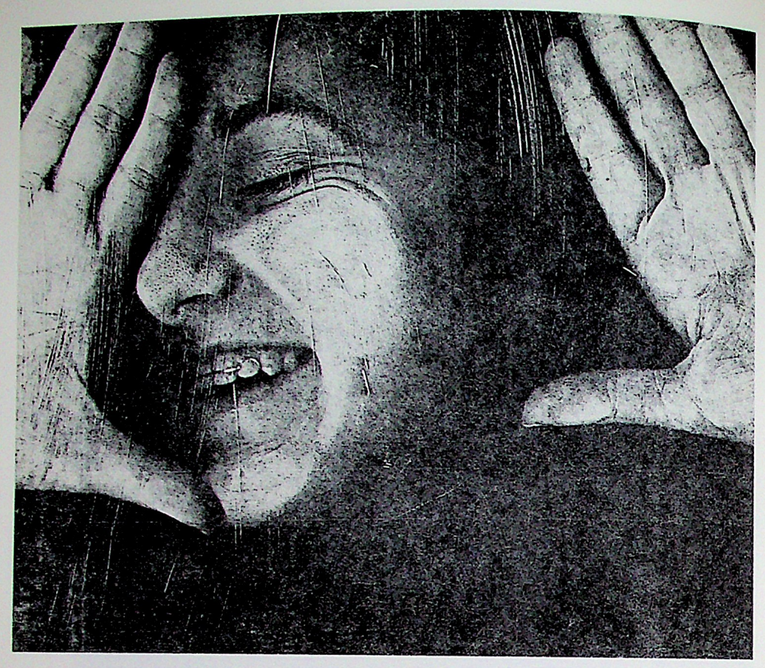
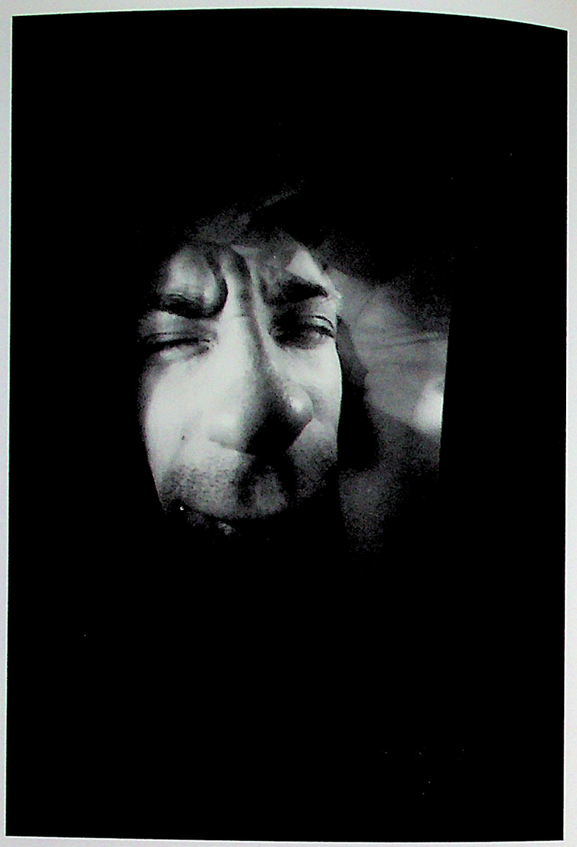


...I dug up an anthill once & my friend told me the ant gods would come to get me in my dreams & I said I didn't believe him but later that night I went down & tried to put the anthill together & I even added some lettuce & mashed potatoes & pork chop from dinner in case they'd been too busy to eat & I never heard from the ant gods so I figure it worked out...



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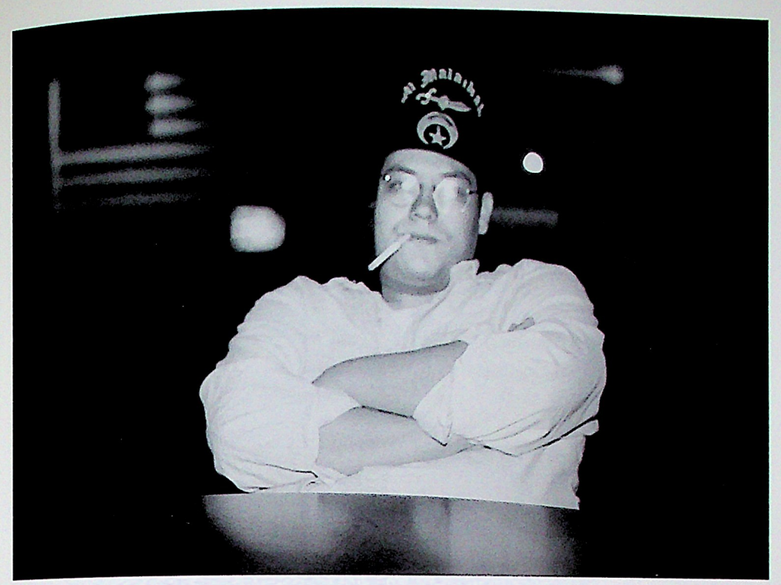
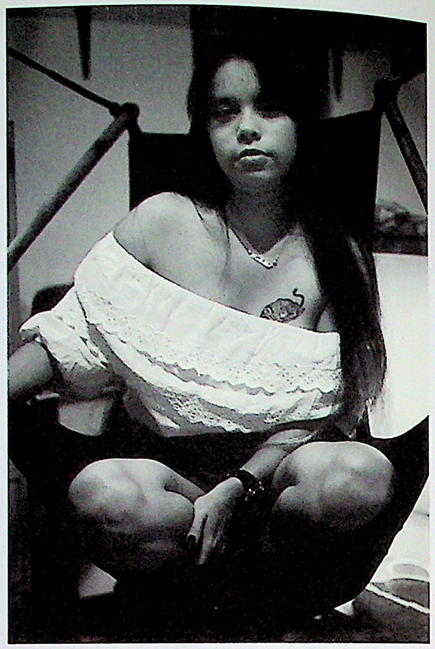


Valentino Vila

I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately..and see if I could not learn what it had to teach. (H.T.) I found that Love is not Love which alters when it alteration finds. (W.S.) There I met many creatures, and Recognized one. Recognition is like sitting in a bramble-patch, gulping overripe dreamberries with a sand flea up your nose. (Pike) Love to my parents and sister for sending me and my husband for finding me when I got lost. For thy sweet love remember'd such wealth brings. That then I scorn to change my state with kings. (W.S.) Nature does nothing uselessly (A.), it is the one place where miracles not only happen, but happen all the time. (T.W.)



Tyger! Tyger!
burning bright,

In the forests of the night.

I know the hand and eye,

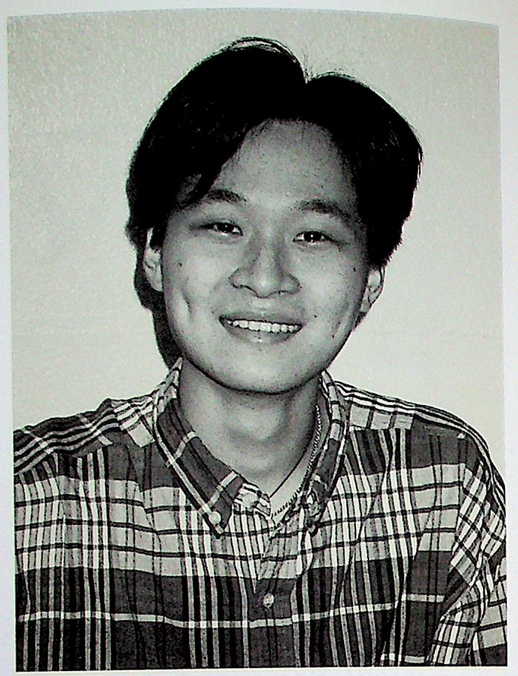
Who dared to frame
thy symmetry!

Moonrise and Pack Howl,
HIGHLANDS WHAT A DAY!

— Shade & Sweet Water

Here for four years

It has been fun
Initiated the dorm
Did more work than in my whole life before
"It's moving."
Been to hell
"What do you mean negative resistance?"
And back
"What do you mean a 10 page chapter is due tomorrow?"
All is finished
On to the next challenge



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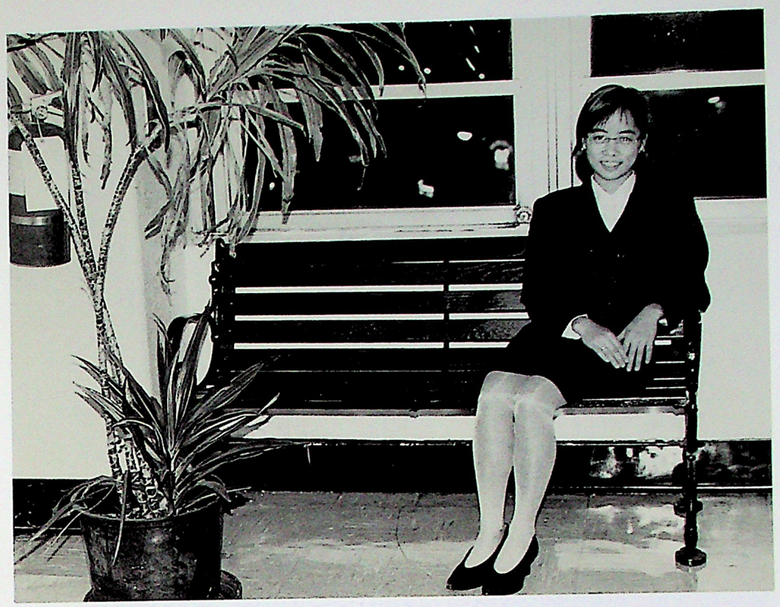
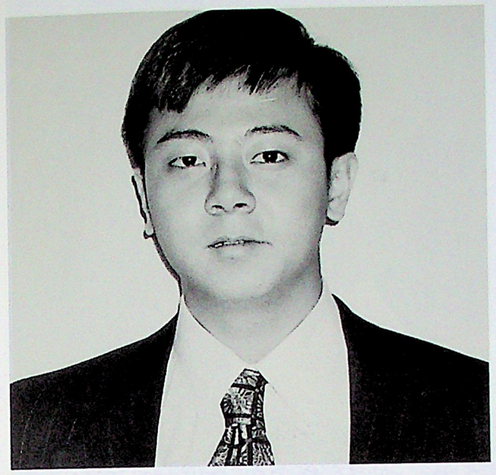


Wai Man (Amy) Yeung

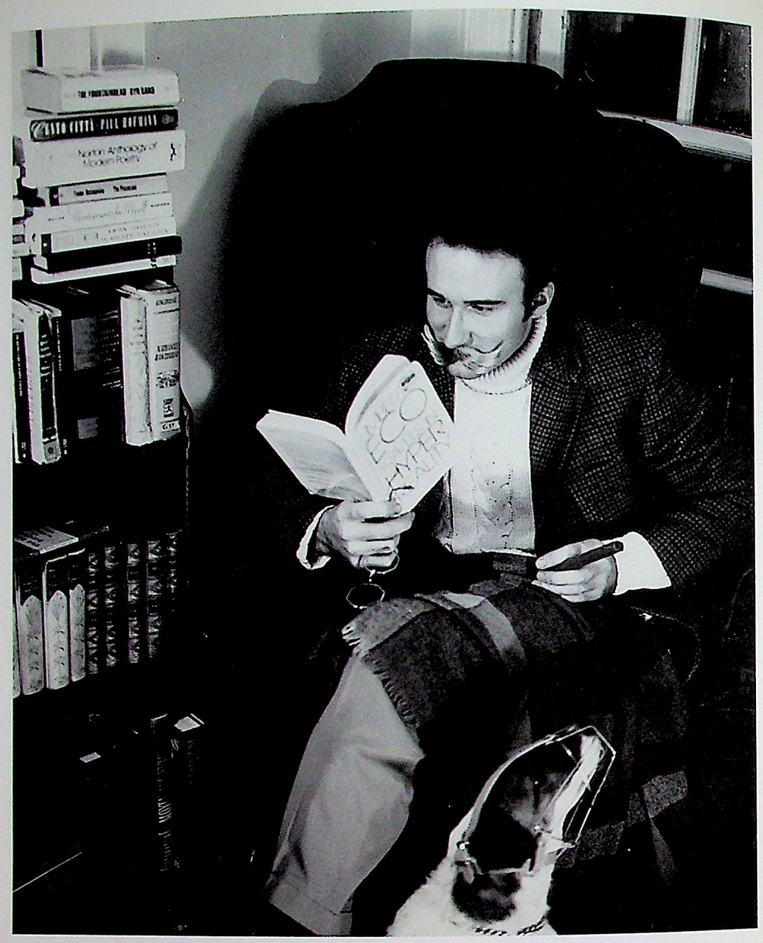
"You're influenced all the time —
and the day you can't be influenced
by anything really good, is the day
you have to let your art die."

— Stevie Wonder

Michele Yodice



My life in Cooper is hard. My freshman year was full of failures and disappointments; sophomore year was a bit better due to my low expectations; junior year I achieved academic success but lost everything else, and right now I am passing through senior year with horror. But nevertheless, I did make some friends who suffered with me, and meet few professors who truly appreciate my existence. I like to thank them for making my life in Cooper a bit more interesting and worth living. (If it is OK to mention their names, they are Professors Stock and Topper from the department of ChE and Chemistry.) In case you are wondering that if I were given a second chance would I choose Cooper, I probably would. After all, where else do you find a school that would give you this much pain.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